THE WEATHER.

Local rains today; Wednesday, moderate east and southeast winds.

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CHRISTMAS FETES AND CASUALTIES

Big Dinners Were Provided for Thousands of the Hungry.

MANY ACCIDENTS REPORTED

Marring the Pleasure of the Day A Number of Accidents Occurred From Explosions and Fires —Church Services

New York, Dec. 25.—There was no snow to make it a white Christmas in New York this year, but a bright sun and a clear sky with air almost autumn-like made the holiday cheerful. If there were dark places which the bright weather failed to reach the hand of charity did and with more thoroughness, it is said, than ever before. Both the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America provided dinners for thousands.

It was estimated that seven thousand men shared in the annual feast which State Senator "Big Tim" Sullivan gives. The Bowery mission also gave breakfast to more than a thousand hungry men, in the borough of Brooklyn. "A red stockings committee," organized to see that every child received a well-filled Christmas stocking, practically realized its ideal by the distribution of 5,000 red stockings estimated to be worth about $3.75 a piece.

The churches began with Christmas services in the early morning hours and kept up the carols and masses all day. At all of the masses in St. Patrick's Cathedral, a cablegram was read bestowing the blessings of Cardinal Farley upon his campaign.

Burned Playing Santa Claus

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 25.—Playing Santa Claus in flannel attire and toweled hemper hair, George H. Sawyer, aged fourteen years, went too close to the lighted candles on the Christmas tree in his room in Cliftondale today and suffered burns which are expected to prove fatal. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seward Sawyer, were burned severely in beating out the flames.

A Fatality in Kenutcky

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 25.—Edward Van Bever, nephew of Chief of Police George Van Bever, of Little Clear Creek, about four miles from here, was blown to atoms tonight, while discharging dynamite.

Van Bever with a party of friends, were celebrating Christmas. Thinking that the fuse attached to the stick of dynamite had been distinguished, he walked to the deadly explosive to light it. The dead man was well-known throughout this section.

Hundreds of Prisoners Dined

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Seventy-seven murderers with 600 other prisoners, partook of Christmas dinner and exchanged Yuletide greetings at the Cook county jail today. In many respects the holiday was the most unusual in the tragedy-laden history of the constitution. Ewald Shiblowski, one of four murderers sentenced to hang February 6th, next, delivered a terse temperance lecture to a group of prisoners. Thomas Jennings, a negro sentenced to hang, turned preacher and had 15 negro prisoners praying on their knees. He also led a song service with the enthusiasm of a revivalist. 1,600 prisoners at an elaborate dinner at the Bidwell and similar places were served where boys were imprisoned at John Worthy school.

Uncle Shoots Nephew.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 25.—Emmet Holston, aged 20 years, son of Stuart M. Holston, of Fox Hill, Va., was accidentally shot and killed today by his uncle, Albert Barker, while duck hunting in Chesapeake Bay. The boy was sitting in the bow of a launch in which were his father, uncle and several companions making up a Christmas hunting party. As the uncle was in the act of firing over his head at a passing gull, the young man stood up. The heavy ball from the Springfield army rifle struck him at the base of the skull and ploughed through the brain, emerging in the center of the forehead.

Two Killed, Four Injured.

Latrobe, Pa., Dec. 25.—While preparing explosives for the celebration of the holidays, dynamite in a boarding house of foreign miners and coke workers exploded tonight at New Derry, near here. Two were killed and four fatally burned.

Convicts Enjoy Entertainment.

Auburn, N. Y., Dec. 25.—The convicts in Auburn prison enjoyed a Christmas entertainment today when amateurs from the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Young Ladies' Bible Class put on a farce. The choir and a large chorus from the First Presbyterian Church presented a Christmas cantata and the convict orchestra furnished introductory numbers. The usual prison "Church" was exalted by the addition of delicacies. The inmates of the women's prison also enjoyed a Christmas entertainment and special menu.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Geo. A. Wells, former owner of the Wells Refinery, and wealthy, was run down and killed by a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train in front of the Sixth street station here tonight. Mr. Wells was at the station to meet his grandson, Wells Crawford, of Duluth, Minn., who was on the train which killed him.

NATION[illegible] DRAINAGE CONGRESS

Nation-Wide Plan to Secure Reclamation of 75,000,000 Acres of Wet Lands—East, West and South Joined.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—East and West, North and South have joined hands, through the recently organized National Drainage Congress, to bring about the reclamation of 75,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow lands, and the addition to the National wealth of many billions of dollars worth of property, under the direction of the National government.

The drainage Congress is the child of the National Irrigation Congress and was born during the 19th session of that organization held in Chicago December 5-9. It was organized when it became apparent that both the irrigation and the drainage movements were too vast to be handled through a single organization. As the result of conferences between the irrigation and the drainage men it was deemed best to form a separate organization to take up the drainage propaganda, each association to support the other while working primarily for its own objects.

The organization meeting was called December 7th, by Edmund T. Perkins, president of the American Reclamation Federation, also an officer in the Irrigation Congress. The National Drainage Congress was organized and its first sessions were held at Chicago December 7th, 8th and 9th, at which session it was decided to hold the second congress in New Orleans in April 10-13, 1912, and the third in Charleston, S. C., in either January or February, 1913, concurrent with the holding of the Corn Show at Columbia, S. C. Representatives from these two cities, who had gone to Chicago with the expectation of inviting the Irrigation Congress to hold its 20th session in the South, gave the invitations to the newly organized Drainage Congress. Charleston wanted the congress while the National Corn Show was being held at Columbia and New Orleans wanted it as quickly as possible.

Every effort will be made to have the New Orleans meeting a big success and as the executive committee is composed of energetic, influential men in all sections of the country, a big success is freely predicted.

Mr. Perkins, who is a Southern resident of Chicago, was elected first vice president; Col. E. J. Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commerce and Industries of South Carolina, was elected second vice president. The position of third vice president has been offered to Col. William C. Gorgas, U. S. A., head of the department of sanitation in the Panama Canal zone, and the Secretary of War has been asked permission for him to accept. The other officers have not been filled, Mr. Perkins being the acting president.

The executive committee consists of one member from each State, Territory and insular possession and the following have been elected: Alabama, Reuben F. Kolb, commissioner of agriculture; Arkansas, S. E. Simonson, Luxona; Arizona, B. A. Fowler, Phoenix; California, Prof. A. R. Sprague, University of California; District of Columbia, Wm. O. Leighton, chief hydrographer U. S. Geological Survey; Florida, J. D. Rooney, Jacksonville; Georgia, J. W. Dean, Waycross; Illinois, Frank B. Knight, Chicago; Iowa, Ed L. Roth, Ottumwa; Kansas, F. T. Faxon, chairman Kansas Conservation Commission, Garden City; Louisiana, J. W. Hyams, New Orleans; Michigan, Adrian Otte, Grand Rapids; Minnesota, J. T. Stewart, University Farm, St. Paul; Missouri, John H. Nolen, commissioner of drainage; Mississippi, L. L. Lawrence, Laurel; Pennsylvania, George H. Maxwell, Pittsburg Flood Commission; South Carolina, Reid Whitford, Charleston; South Dakota, Samuel H. Lea, State engineer; Tennessee, L. B. Bellah, Nashville; Texas, George E. Barstow, Barstow; Washington, R. Insinger, Spokane:

The constitution outlines the purposes as follows:

"Whereas, our National prosperity, well-being and commercial supremacy rest now and must ever remain in the soil, and to maintain our prestige, support a rapidly increasing population and subserve the interests of the whole people there must be a complete and scientific utilization of our agricultural resources through the United States of America, and,

"Whereas, there are now nearly 75,000,000 acres of unproductive swamp and overflowed land, the greater part of which may be reclaimed and made productive, and 150,000,000 acres more which, although non-productive, would be largely enhanced in value by drainage, and,

"Whereas, there are undeveloped possibilities of transportation and marketing in connection with such reclamation projects by the utilization of drainage canals and existing streams for navigation, and,

"Whereas, there is urgent necessity for the conservation of our agricultural resources through the restoration and preservation of our soil fertility, and the gathering and dissemination of information relating to these subjects, and,

"Whereas, the swamp and overflowed lands of the United States are a menace to public health and constitute, by reason of State line complications a problem that one State alone cannot solve, it is the duty of the United States government, by the exercise of its powers for pacification and harmonization, to remove the menace by the drainage of said swamps, and,

"Whereas, there is great need for a National Congress having for its objects the study and solution of problems and the initiation and prosecu-

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CHINA IS BEING WATCHED BY U. S.

Uncle Sam Has Sent Four More Vessels to Shanghai.

CRUSIERS AND TORPEDO BOATS

The Total American Naval Vessels Around Shanghai Now Numbers Eleven—Peace Conference Is On

Washington, Dec. 25.—The arrival of four more naval vessels of the United States Asiatic fleet at Shanghai yesterday made it apparent that the United States is keeping a close watch on the situation here where is being held the peace conference between the revolutionary delegates, headed by Dr. Wu Ting Fang and the Imperialists representatives headed by Tank Sho Yi.

With the arrival of the cruisers New Orleans, Cincinnati, Albany and torpedo boat destroyer Dale, the total of American naval vessels in the waters around Shanghai is raised to eleven. The other vessels are the torpedo boat destroyers Decatur and Bainbridge, colliers Abrenda and Nanshan, cruiser Saratoga, naval transports Rainbow and tender Pompey.

Will Discuss Situation

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the leading promoters of the revolution who may be named as president of the proposed republic, boarded a launch soon after his arrival here today and was escorted down the river by two warships. After landing he proceeded by automobile to the residence of Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary provincial cabinet to discuss the situation.

So far as is known no reply has been received by Yuan Shi Kai ,the imperial premier, with regard to the establishment of a republican government as insister, upon the revolutionaries.

It has been finitely decided that Nan King shall be the future capital. Even after the abdiction of the emperor and the re-organization of the new government, the leaders assert positively Peking will not be considered. In the minds of the revolutionists the movement has been entirely successful.

Force Being Gathered.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—A large revolutionary force is being concentrated at Nanking to be used in a demonstration against Peking should the peace negotiations at Shanghai fall through. This news was received here from Shanghai today by the Chung Sai Yat Po, a Chinese newspaper with the further information at the recent armistice was broken four days ago by the capture of Tai Yen Fu, the capital of Shan Si province, by the Imperialists. The despatches state the refusal of the Imperial commander to recognize the truce has increased the determination of the revolutionists to hold out for a Republic.

Revolutionaries Incensed.

London, Dec. 26.—A special despatch from Shanghai says that the revolutionaries are incensed at the Imperialists for the capture of Tao Yuan Fu, in Shan So province and have protested to Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai at the peace conference against continued breaks of the armistice. They have demanded an indemnity, the withdrawal of troops and punishment of the officers upon whom the responsibility rests.

The revolutionary leaders insist that unless Yuan Shi Kai replies at once to the demands of the conference they will elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president.

Tang Shao Yi explained that the Imperialists had occupied Tao Yuan Fu only after the revolutionists had deserted the town. He forwarded the demands, however, to Peking.

CAR AND AUTO CRASH HEAD ON

Two Boys May Die, Father and Sisters Slightly Hurt

York, Pa., Dec. 24.—C. Elmer Smith, president of the S. Morgan Smith Company, this city; his two sons, Beauchamp and Morgan, and two daughters, Lois and Purdon, were injured at 1 o'clock this afternoon in a head-on collision between a big suburban trolley car and an automobile.

Smith and his children were returning home from service in the First Moravian church. Heavy snow prevented Smith, who was driving the car, and the motorman, James Brillinger, from seeing each other until too late to prevent a collision.

The auto was smashed to pieces and the two boys were buried beneath the wreckage. Morgan, 13 years old, sustained a fractured skull, and Beauchamp, 11 years old, has concussion of the brain. The father and two daughters were only s lightly hurt. Motorman Brillinger was also injured and the front part of the trolley car was damaged.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Advances in calss freight rates on vehicles from Suffolk, Va., to destinations in the South, particularly in North and South Carolina, made by the Atlantic Coast Line and other carriers, were sustained today by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The increases, which amount to about 10 per cent., will become effective January 15.

NAVY BOYS GIVE PRESENTS

John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage and Miss Helen Gould Remembered by Members of Navy Y. M. C. A.

New York, Dec. 25.—The boys of the navy surprised John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. Russell Sage and Miss Helen Gould with Christmas presents today in appreciation of the help they had given to the Young Men's Christian Association in the navy.

A committee of four bluejackets from ships which made their home port at Norfolk, Va., came here with a handsome table cover which the sailors themselves had embroidered, working out the various naval emblems with great skill, and presented it to Mr. Rockefeller while he was dining with his family at his town house today.

The retired oil magnate told the boys he was made very happy by the remembrance. The boys in turn told him how much the naval Y. M. C. A. at Norfolk, for which Mr. Rockefeller had furnished the funds, was appreciated.

Two other sailors from the battleship Delaware made presents of a fine French clock to Miss Gould and two dozen American beauty roses to Mrs. Sage in behalf of the naval Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn, the establishment and extension of which was made possible by their gifts.

CHRISTMAS FOR POOR.

Many Dinners for Children, "Little Mothers" and Grown-Ups.

New York, Dec. 25.—None of the 5,000,000 persons who compose the population of New York need go hungry today. Ample provision has been made to feed all who have to depend upon charity.

Some of the dinners will be for children, others for "little mothers" and still others for the grown-ups. Frank Tilford will give his annual Christmas dinner to 1,000 "little mothers" in the Murray Hill Lyceum.

The Salvation Army expects to distribute food to about 25,000 persons. Toys will be given to children in the afternoon and clothing to all who need it.

"Big Tim" Sullivan will take care of all who come to him, and he says that they cannot come too fast. This is good news for the Bowery. He will also make his customary distribution of shoes and socks.

Special services for night workers will be held at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church, in Duane street.

DIRECT ELECTIONS FIGHT.

Senator Borah Will Attempt Compromise Between Houses.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Senator Borah, of Idaho, believes that the existing differences between the two houses of Congress over the direct elections amendment will be compromised soon after the holidays.

The House Democrats severely arraign the Bristow amendment, which provides for Federal control of Senatorial elections. On the basis of an alleged betrayal of the sovereign rights of States, the House majority has taken up the cudgel against the Sunflower Senator's amendment.

The Republican majority of the Senate is inclined to think that the peculiar legislative capacity of the Senate necessitates Federal control over the election of its members.

Senator Borah will, upon the convening of Congress, apply himself to the task of effecting a compromise between the warring factions. "Concessions will have to be made by both the House and Senate," said the Idaho Senator, "before submission of the proposed amendment to the people can be accomplished."

MANY MESSAGES OF GREETING

White House Gets Largest Amount of Mail Ever Received

Washington, Dec. 25.—Among the things that Santa Claus brought to the White House was a mail bag that contained, which the office force estimated, three times the usual quota of Christmas mail. In audition to the letters scores of cable messages and telegrams from the outlaying countries of the earth, and from various parts of the United States came in over the White House wires. The usual Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes came to the President, but there were many expressions of faith in his administration and hope for the future.

The President spent two hours in his office before luncheon dictating and signing letters, and was unable to attend the church. The White House Christmas dinner was held tonight.

Seeded raisins, cut into pieces, broken nut meats and a small part of celery in thin bits make up a delicious salad.

OUTLINES.

According to reports, General Reyes, the Mexican revolutionist, has been captured by his pursuers——King Davis, a negro, was taken from a lock-up at Baltimore yesterday morning by a small number of men and shot to death. Davis killed a white man last Saturday——Miss Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross Society, yesterday celebrated her ninetieth birthday anniversary——Information gives it that Tabriz, Persia, is still the scene of fighting between the Persian constitutionalists and the Rusian guard——The United States is keeping watch on the situation of the Chinese Conference at Shanghai and has added four more naval vessels to its fleet in the waters around Shanghai.

GENERAL REYES TAKEN PRISONER

Voluntarily Made His Surrender to Military Guard Yesterday.

ADMITS THAT HE IS DEFEATED

The General Pleaded For Mercy for the Men Who Had Followed Him —Will Be Kept Under Guard

Linares, Mexioo, Dec. 25.—With none of his arrogance left, General Bernardo Reyes, once consmered the greatest of his country's military men, tonight is huddled in a chair in the little room that serves as the headquarters of the town's small garrison, and admits his defeat.

Riding along into Linares today, the gray-haired rebel voluntarily surrendered to Lieutenant Macido Rodriguz, commander of twenty-five rurales, the sole military guard here. Permission was secured to telegraph a formal capitulation to General Geronimo Trevino, commander of the third military zone at Monterey; and to Trevino, long regarded as Reyes' personal foe he frankly admitted that his dream of another successful revolution had come to an end and placed himself at his disposition.

"I called upon the army, I called upon the people," telegraphed the broken general, "and no one responded. This attitude I regarded as a protest and I am resolved not to continue this war against the government. I place myself at your disposition."

Reyes asked for himself no guarantees but pleaded for mercy for the little group of men who have followed him in his wanderings throughout a large area in this State and in the State of Tamaulipas. They yet are fugitives and will be hunted down by Trevino's men until they, too, surrender voluntarily.

To Reyes' message, General Trevino replied that General Reyes would be kept under guard in Linares pending instructions from the central government.

That he would be taken to the capitol to answer for his offense is considered by Reyestas the natural result of his surrender.

His attempt to save his few followers was refused by Trevino who telegraphed to Reyes that he had no authority to relax his campaign.

Surprised at the Surrender

No one was more surprised by the surrender of Reyes than the little garrison to whom he appeared.

Yesterday Luis Salinas, commander of a small band of volunteers engaged in the case, surprised a group of ten or twelve men riding along the Concho river running east from Burges. On a few miles from the scene of the fight was Reyes. The conflict was brief, the rebels quickly taking to their heels. Several horses and the quantity of ammunition fell into the hands of the government troops but no one was killed. It appears the insurgent band never re-united and General Reyes humiliated at seeing what was in effect, his personal guard forced to flee at the first exchange of shots, and realizing that none had rushed to his support, rode to Linares and surrendered.

Reyes was not surrounded and must have kept up flight for many days but without the small army he had so confidently expected to recruit, the humiliating finish was almost inevitable.

Late tonight on the order of General Trevino, Reyes was placed on his word of honor and granted the freedom of the city.

Reyes is Later Liberated

Linarez, Mexico, Dec. 25.—Defeated and stripped of former arrogance and pride, General Bernardo Reyes, Mexico's one-time greatest military leader and more recently leader of a revolt that threatened to tear the country from border to border, surrendered here today but later was given his liberty on his word that he would not leave the city.

Surprised at Washington

Washington, Dec. 25.—The surrender of General Bernardo Reyes came as a surprise to both the State Department and the Mexican embassy here, although it was generally believed that his capture was inevitable. Neither this government nor the embassy tonight had received official word of the surrender and in the absence of such information none of the officials would discuss it. That both department and embassy are relieved by the turn of events was evident, for the prospects of another revolution in Mexico had occasioned uneasiness for some time.

PASSED QUIET CHRISTMAS

Jury to Try Meat Packers Passed Day in Hotel Quarters

Chicago, Dec. 25.—The jury in the case of the ten Chicago meat packers on trial for alleged criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust, passed a quiet Christmas in its quarters in a down town hotel under the eye of two United States deputy marshals.

Each juror received gifts from relatives and friends.

When United States District Judge George A. Carpenter reconvenes court tomorrow morning after the Christmas adjournment the government will begin the presentation of its evidence in the case.

NEGRO IS SHOT TO DEATH

Citizens of a Baltimore Suburb Take Negro Who Shot a White Man From a Lock-Up and Kill Him.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—King Davis, a negro, aged 28 years, who last Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab, white, at Fairfield, Anne Arundel county, was taken from the lock-up at Brooklyn, a suburb of Baltimore, at an early hour this morning and shot to death by a small party of unknown men.

Davis, who was also known by the name of Johnson, was dragged to a spot about 200 yards distance and shot through the lungs four times. His body was not discovered until several hours later by a passer-by, who notified the police. No all-night guard is kept at the station and the police had no knowledge of the affair until the finding of the body was reported. Chief Irwin at once started an investigation. Up to this evening he said he had no clue to the perpetrators of the deed. The avenging band, thought to have not exceeded eight or ten in number, formed quietly. They effected an entrance into the lock-up without the attention of those living nearby and went to Davis' cell, where they found the negro asleep, Hubert Chase, another negro who was held in the station as a witness in the Schwab case, was not molested. Chase said that Davis fought desperately and shrieked for mercy, but his cries were quickly silenced by a blow on the head, which stretched him unconscious. He was then dragged away to his death. No noise or outcries were heard by the near neighbors except the shots and no attention was paid to these, as they were thought to have been fired by Christmas merrymakers.

Between the station and the scene of the lynching the grass was trampled down and there was a trail of blood indicating that Davis was badly beaten before he was taken out.

A jury of inquest returned a verdict that Davis came to his death by bullet wounds inflicted by parties unknown to the jury.

FOREIGN COUNT IN TOILS

Mystery Surrounds Recent Arrest of Russian Nobleman

New York, Dec. 25.—Count Andre de Gurrowski, who was arrested under mysterious circumstances in October last upon his arrival here from Europe, was again taken to Ellis Island today by an officer from the immigration headquarters there. The count was brought here from Lynchburg, Va., where he was arrested on orders from Washington. The nature of the charges against the Russian have not been made known to the immigration authorities.

At the time of the detention in October there was a hint of a Russian political conspiracy. The count declared that he had taken out his first papers as an American citizen and had considerable property in Virginia and other sections of the South, and reports received tended to substantiate his claim that he was well and not unfavorably known in Lynchburg and elsewhere.

Count Gurrowski will be arraigned before the special board of inquiry at Ellis Island on Tuesday when the charges against him will be made known from Washington and he will be given an opportunity to disprove them. The mysterious reports of his alleged connection with political plots against the Russian government have died a natural death.

REFUSES MORSE PARDON

Case May Be Re-opened If Ex-Banker's Condition Grows Worse

Washington, Dec. 24.—Charles W. Morse will spend Christmas Day as a Federal prisoner.

After a painstaking survey of the case, President Taft today refused the third application made by Morse for a pardon.

In the morning's mail the President received a lengthy epistle from army and civilian surgeons at Atlanta, telling concisely of Morse's condition The President at once summoned Dr. M. A. DeLaney, the White House physician; Surgeon Gen. Charles F. Stokes, of the navy, and Surg. Gen George H. Torney, of the army, for a conference in regard to the report received from Atlanta.

After nearly an hour's deliberations, the conclusion was reached that Morse's condition does not justify a pardon.

"If the ex-banker's condition continues to grow worse, the case will again be re-opened," said the President.

RUSH TO NEW GOLD FIELD

Prospectors Travel Through Snow Water in Search of Wealth

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 25.—Two hundred men with dog teams and prospecting outfits are making a six-day race to the new gold field at the head of Sixty Mile river, 130 miles from Dawson. The stampede the greatest seen here, since the first Klondyke rush, 14 years ago. Many gold hunters are traveling practically day and night. Ernest Miller, who returned yesterday from the new camp, said some of the men from Dawson were wearing torn and ripped moccassins worn nearly off in their haste to get a claim, and some went through 3 miles of snow and water. The temperature was about zero when the rush began, but has since dropped to 40 below.

Ladies and Gents.

Solid gold, gold filled and silver watches one of my specialties. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler. de 3-tf.

MANY PERSIANS BEING MASSACRED

Five Hundred Men, Women and Children Were Slain Sunday.

RUSSIA'S STUPEFYING ACTION

The Persian Government Had Just Accepted the Russian Ultimatum Prior to These Outrages—Policemen Killed

Teheran, Dec. 25.—The cabinet today notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer General of Persia, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the National Council and the Ministry to submit to the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum. The cabinet intimated to Mr. Shuster that they would communicate with him later their plans for turning over his accounts to a successor.

An indignation meeting was held after announcement of Mr. Shuster's dismissal was made to protest against the so-called coup de etat but the crowds were dispursed by the police without disorder. Further demonstrations were ordered. Opposition newspapers have been suppressed and martial law has been proclaimed.

The Russian consul, who has assumed the government of Resht, reports the town quiet at the present time but looks for further outbreaks.

It is reported from Shiraz, capital of the province of Fars, that Parsians fired on a body of Indian troops who were proceeding to meet the British consul, one of the Indian soldiers being killed. There has been considerable trouble at Shiraz on account of the boycot instituted against the Indian troops by the Mellahs.

Ispahan, Persia, Dec. 24.—A strong detachment of Russians, comprising a regiment of rifles and a sontia of Cossacks with a mountain battery, left here last evening for Tabriz to avenge the attack on Russians by Persian tribesmen at that place a few days ago. The column has already traversed the Daradia forge without encountering Persian opposition. It had been expected that the Persians would stoutly defend the mountain passes. The distance between Ispahan and Tabriz is nearly 500 miles.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—As the result of a long conference today between Premier Kokovsoff and Foreign Minister Sazonoff heavy reinforcements have been ordered from the Caucasus to Tabriz. The director of the Persian department of the Russian Foreign Office said today:

"Russia will take justice at Tabriz, Resht and Enzili in its own hands and will show no mercy to the Fidais and revolutionary dregs who are shedding Russian blood. The lesson which we intend to give will long be remembered."

Massacre of Five Hundred

London, Dec. 25.—A massacre has been going on in Resht since Saturday, according to official Persian telegrams received in London today. These state that on Sunday 500 Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation but the massacre still continues.

Resht is the capital of the province of Ghilan and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government house has been bombarded and many officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demonlished.

According to other dispatches the Rusians killed four unarmed Mohammedans in the Arementia quarter of Tabrez during the fighting in that city.

The people in Persia in one dispatch are stupified at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately on the acceptance of the Persians of the second Russian ultimatum and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations.

Russian Reinforcements

Julfa, Persia, Dec. 25.—According to information received here fighting continues in the streets of Tabriz between the Russian guard and the Persian constitutionalists. The Russian reinforcements consisting of a regiment of rifles and a sortie of Cossacks with a mountain battery which left here on December 23rd for that city, arrived there today having encountered very little opposition from the Persians.

FOOTBALL AT WASHINGTON

Local Eleven Took Easy Victory From Newbern Team Yesterday

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Washington, N. C., Dec. 25.—Washington's local football team met Newbern's local eleven on the gridiron at Fleming Park here this afternoon at 3 o'clock and after a well-fought game, came off victorious, Newbern going down in defeat to the tune of 10 to 2. All of the Washington boys played exceptionally good ball, but the star plays were made by Voneberstein, formerly of the A. & M. Varsity, and Allen Moore, of the Carolina Varsity. The Newbern boys played very well considering their size and weight, but were too light for the Washington boys. Their star players were the two Seiferts playing fullback and Moore, right end.

TELLS OF WOMAN IN BATTERY.

Major Weymouth Recalls Civil War Incident.

(Baltimore Sun, Dec. 25.)

Major H. G. O. Weymouth, of Cambridge, Mass., who during the Civil war was provost marshal of the Federal receiving station at Point Lookout, is spending Christmas with his son, Mr. F. A. Weymouth, who is engineer of tests for the Maryland Steel Company, at Sparrows Point.

Major Weymouth is a fine type of soldier. Many years ago he "ceased firing," and now has only praise and hearty words of commendation for those on the other side.

"It was in March, 1864," said the Major yesterday to a Sun reporter, "that I was ordered to Point Lookout as provost marshal, commanding the receiving station for Confederate prisoners at that place. Point Lookout, prior to the war, was a summer resort, and it was selected by the Federal government as the main receiving station for Confederate prisoners, because of its being lcose to Washington and Baltimore and presented easy means of forwarding prisoners to the North. We had from time to time between 3,000 and 12,000 prisoners at 'Lookout,' many of whom were forwarded to Elmira, N. Y., and other points North.

"General Marston was the division commander to whom I reported, and I recall distinctly one incident which I don't think has a parallel in history, and which I was at my wits' end to dispose of. One day one of the prisoners from a Southern battery came to me, saluted and said: 'Major, there is a woman in my section.'

"Of course, I was astonished beyond measure. I questioned the man closely and ascertained that the woman was in a man's garb, and after she had been sent to headquarters I questioned her and found that she had been serving in the battery which was captured, and had so served for some time previous. I reported the matter to General Marston, who, in turn, reported it to the Government in Washington. Orders were received to send the prisoner to Washington, which was done. I never heard how the case was disposed of, and I have forgotten the woman's name, but I was profoundly impressed by the fact that this woman had served in the battery. Molly Pitcher, of Revolutionary fame, merely took the place temporarily of a gunner who was shot down, but this woman had been a member of the battery, and apparently without her identity having been discovered.

"I met many fine fellows at 'Lookout,'" continued the Major, "and I frequently get letters from men who were prisoners there during the period of my command. I had as my clerk a youth of a fine Georgia family, who had taken the parole, and who served me efficiently and faithfully."

When questioned as to the matter of escapes, the Major said there were few. There was, he said, a stockade within which the prisoners were compelled to stay, but during the hot weather they were given the freedom of the beach on the bay side for bathing and recreation, and sometimes at dusk a few succeeded in swimming or floating to freedom.

Major Weymouth was an officer of the First regiment, United States volunteers, and lost a leg at Fredericksburg.

MAGAZINE WRITER ARRESTED

Said to Have Been Writing Confession of Shooting Wife

New York, Dec. 25.—Andrew McConnell, magazine writer and lecturer, was arrested at a reporter's desk in a morning newspaper office tonight while, it is alleged, he was writing a confession of shooting and wounding his divorced wife, Mrs. Marion D. McConnell, at Ocean Grove, N. J. The shooting is said to have occurred late Saturday night.

McConnell was locked up on a charge of felonous assault. He gave his age at 37 years and his address as the Grant Park Hotel, Chicago. He appears in biographical records as author of a volume of poems, a work on organic electricity and another on scientific mind-reading. In 1898 he was proprietor of the Alkahest, a magazine published at Atlanta, Ga. He was the founder of a consumers cooperative union for reducing the expenses of working men and also establishing a lyceum system of poular and educational entertainments in Southern towns. For many years he made Birmingham, Ala., his home. He came to New York in 1908.

It was learned tonight that Mrs. McConnell's wound was in the neck. It is believed that she is in no great danger. She was able to talk and said she and her husband had been separated for several years and that he had been desirous of obtaining an absolute divorce in order to marry again.

SURFEIT OF BILLS.

Congress Will be Overflowed With Woolen Tariff Measures.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Congress is to have a surfeit of bills revising the woolen tariff schedules, and a hard fight for supremacy in the passage of such legislation is assured to begin immediately following the holiday recess.

Democratic members of the Ways and Means Committee under the direction of Representative Underwood, the chairman, already have begun the preparation of a bill; the Republican members of the committee also are preparing a wool bill, and tonight Senator Smoot, of Utah, a member of the finance committee, announced his approval of the tariff board's report on the woolen schedules and declared that he, too, would prepare a bill.

"I am pleased with the tariff board's report on schedule K," said Senator Smoot in announcing his purpose, "and hope that the findings of that board will be accepted by the American people, coming as they do from a non-partisan board."

KILLED BY THUGS.

Tampa Watchman Assaulted and Robbed in Florida Town.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 24.—Both of his eyes battered out and his skull broken by thugs who assaulted and robbed him, L. P. Cutting, a night watchman at the Tampa Steamways, died in the Gordon Keller Memorial Hospital here today following a trephinal operation.

He never regained consciousness to tell who his assailants were and the police have no clue. A niece of the deceased on her way from Lexington, N. C., did not arrive in time to find her relative alive.

HORSES AND MULES

Maj. Gen. Wood Deplores Shipments of Thoroughbreds Abroad

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.—Major General Leonard Wood, in his annual report to the Secretary of War, regards as a National calamity the shipment of thoroughbred horses abroad; for he sees the time when the army will be unable to secure proper remounts.

The Southern Commercial Congress announced today that it has been for some weeks preparing to consider the whole subject of horse and mule breeding in a section of the fourth annual convention of the Congress at Nashville next April. The section will be under the chairmanship of George M. Ronnel, chief of Animal Husbandry division, United States Department of Agriculture. The following gentlemen will speak to the subjects indicated:

E. D. White, Leesburg, Va., "The Draft Horse in the South."

Capt. C. H. Conrad, Jr., in charge Front Royal Remount Depot, Front Royal, Va., "The South as a Source of Army Remounts.

Gen. John B. Castleman, Louisville, Ky., "The American Saddle Horse."

J. L. Jones, Columbia, Tennessee, "The Mule—breeding, feeding, management and market requirements."

The purpose of the Congress in having this thorough discussion on horse and mule breeding is to increase the wealth of the South by showing the farmers of the South how both climate and soils lend themselves to the successful raising of stock.

COLDER WEATHER PREDICTED.

Temperatures to be More Seasonable by End of Week.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Unsettled weather during the next few days will give way to a period of more seasonable weather by the end of the week, according to a bulletin issued tonight by the Weather Bureau.

Stormy weather is also predicted over the North Atlantic steamship routes, the British Isles and Europe.

"The coldest weather of the season" the bulletin continues "now prevails in the interior of Alaska, the lowest temperature reported from that region being 50 deg. below zero at Tanana, and 46 deg. below zero at Eagle."

"The indications are that the first part of the coming week will be unsettled, with snow or rain in Northern and rain in Southern districts east of the Rocky mountains, attending the eastward movement of a disturbance that now covers the Middle West.

"Another disturbance will appear in the Far West about the middle of the week, cross the Middle West about Thursday or Friday, and the Eastern States at the close of the week. It will be attended by general precipitation.

"A pronounced change to colder weather will overspread the Northwestern States Tuesday and Wednesday and advance eastward and southward over the Eastern and Southern States during the latter half of the week, terminating the prolonged period of unseasonably high temperatures in these districts."

FELL INTO TANK

Exciting Eperience of Five Men on Brunswick, Ga.

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 24.—Five men employed in erecting one of the immense steel tanks at the plant of the Southeastern Yaryan Naval Stores Company were injured yesterday when the scaffold on which they were at work gave way and they fell 35 feet to the bottom of the tank. The injured men are Joun Brown, R. W. Amerson, Roy Killingsworth and Walter Manning, all white, and a negro, Peter Washington.

All of the men received painful injuries, but Amerson was the only one that appeared seriously hurt. It is feared that he is hurt internally, but he is resting easily. Medical aid was rushed to the plant as soon as the accident occurred and the wounded men were given attention and later sent to their homes.

MOROS SURRENDER

American Troops Firm With Them in Manila Engagement

Manila, Dec. 26.—The Moros, who several days ago retired to the top of Bud Dajo, in the Island of Jolo, which they had fortified, capitulated today to the American troops. The Moros numbered 600 and defied an ultimatum issued by Brigadier Perhsing ordering the disarmament of natives in the district. Their supplies were cut off and they were surrounded in their stronghold by American infantry. Finally they were forced to yield through hunger, and marched out, and laid down their arms.

Prior to the surrender a desperate band of 20 tried to force an outpost but were repulsed. Several Moros killed but there were no American casualties.

GROUND TO PIECES.

A. C. L. Employe at Florence Does Beneath Train Wheels.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 25.—Norphie Pleasants, white carpenter in the Atlantic Coast Line shops at this place, was run over by a Coast Line work train in the freight yards here last night and instantly killed. His body was literally ground to pieces. The body was shipped to his old home at Aberdeen, N. C.

Yesterday's Baltimore Sun: "Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Bassett, of Ten Hills, have announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Hamlin, to Ensign Theodore Hugh Winters, U. S. N., the wedding to take place early in the new year. Miss Bassett is a graduate of the Hamilton School, of Washington. Ensign Winters is from Society Hill, S. C., and was graduated with the class of 1909 from the Naval Academy.

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JAPAN TOO BUSY FOR WAR.

Dr. Nitobe Tells Reasons Why There Will be None With America.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 25.—"The best proof that there will never be a war between Japan and the United States is the fact that it has been predicted so often by Capt. Hobson and has not yet taken place," said Dr. Inazo Nitobe, of Tokyo, Japan, who was invited to address a men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday.

Dr. Nitobe, who has been affiliated with the Friends faith, and has a son at Haverford College, near Philadelphia, says predictions or war between Japan and the United States are absurd. In the first place, Japan has all it can do to carry its present war debt. Second, there is nothing whatever in the talk of Japan wanting the Philippines. We have all we can do to take care of our own country and Korea without stretching out for more territory. Lastly, if there are any serious complications at any time between Japan and the United States, they will be amicably settled without resorting to force of arms."

Dr. Nitobe said that for a man to be an American was all the passport he needed in Japan.

WILSON IN TEXAS.

New Jerseyian Favorite for President in Lone Star State.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 25.—The Washington correspondent of the Houston Chronicle, sends the following to his paper:

Men who come here from the Lone Star State, and who care little or nothing for machine politics, say without hesitation that Woodrow Wilson is the choice of the vast majority of the Texas electors. What is true of Texas is also true of all the States on which any reasonable line on popular sentiment can be obtained. To speak of nearby States, Virginia and Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey, are from the best information obtainable irrevocably fixed in their favorable regard for the same candidate. In the West his popularity is at white heat, and all who hail from the inter-mountain and Pacific coast States report here that Wilson is the only invincible candidate his party possesses.

IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Progressive Spirit Rampant in Big County of the State.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—A telegram to the North American from Sarlisle, Pa., says:

Progressive spirit is rampant in Cumberland county's Democracy, and early activity, preceding the selection of delegates to the National Democratic convention, and all of whom are favorable to the nomination of Governor Wilson, of New Jersey.

From Cumberland county, Sheriff Frank Walters and Dr. M. M. Dougherty, of Mechanicsburg, will seek to become delegates from this Congressional district, from which two are to be sent. Bert A. Fritchey, of Harrisburg, and Dr. John Walters and Geo. B. Krouse, from Lebanon county, who desire to attend the National convention of Democratic reactionaries have no place in Cumberland, Dauphin and Lebanon counties, which compose the 18th district.

GIFTS FOR NEW CARDINALS.

Pope Receives $27,827 in Peter's Pence From Philadelphia.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Cardinals Farley, Falconio and O'Connell have received an abundance of Christmas greetings, especially from the United States and Ireland. Many presents are being received by the American Cardinals from Catholics and Protestants alike.

At a private audience yesterday Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American College, in addition to extending Christmas greetings in behalf of himself and the college, presented to the Pope $27,827, an opering of Peter's pence from Most Rev. Edmund F. Prendergast, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

The Pope sent his blessings to the American College and asked Mgr. Kennedy to convey his Christmas greetings to Archbishop Prendergast.

SPENT DREARY CHRISTMAS.

Banker Morse Grieves at the President's Refusal of Pardon.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, spent a dreary Christmas day at Fort McPherson, where he recently was transferred from the Federal prison here for observation of his physical condition.

The banker is reported to have given way to grief for the first time today when he was informed that President Taft had refused to grant his release. By a supreme effort he mastered his emotions during the visit of his wife and other members of his family. Scarcely, however, had the door closed behind them when the prisoner broke down completely and wept.

The prisoner's condition was such that he was given only a diet dinner of which he ate very little.

JACK HARRIS FOUND DEAD.

Helped to Train Sullivan for His Fight With Kilrain.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 25. — Jack Harris, aged 65 years, the former sparring partner of John L. Sullivan, and who helped train Sullivan for his fight with Jake Kilrain, was found dead in an abandoned building at Cosmopolis. A corner's jury returned a verdict that death was caused by concussion of the brain, but did not fix the responsibility.

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ENTITLED TO THE PALM.

Remarkable Anti-Race Suicide Record of Oklahoma Couple.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 25.—Complaining that the railway station waiting room at Boynton, Okla., was without fire on a bitterly cold day, J. M. Jackson filed a protest with the corporation commission and scrutiny of his allegations today brought the discovery that the Jacksons are parents of 13 children, born in three years. Their eldest, a son, is now 14 years of age, making the personnel of their progeny list 14 in number.

Five years ago the increase in the Jackson family became marked. Twins are now five years old. Triplets succeeded the twins in 12 months, and in another year triplets again made their appearance, but one year after the last triplets, came five children on the same day. The five are still alive, but the health of the whole family, declares Jackson, was impaired by the absence of warmth in the Boynton station waiting room.

ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SEAS.

Earthquake Featured Voyage of Pacific Mail Liner.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Many earth quakes and one or two days in which she encountered unusually heavy seas, featured the voyage of the Pacific mail liner Pennsylvania, which arrived in port today from Panama.

Chief Engineer J. E. Keenan was caught by a huge roller that boarded the Pennsylvania off the Gulf of Tehuantepec and was swept 100 feet along the deck, dashed against a winch and seriously bruised.

The earthquake zone was entered at 8 o'clock on the morning of December 17th, and upheavals continued until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, coming at intervals of about 20 minutes. The Pennsylvania was off Xcapulco at the time.

"'Simplicissimus', says The Hamburger Fremdenblatt, "has once more been brought face to face with the fact that some people cannot take a joke. Some recently published illustrations and jokes in this many colored Munich sheet were considered so insulting to the Italian army that at the instigation of officers and their friends who sympathize with them the paper has been boycotted throughout the kingdom. And nows a news dispatch from Prague says that the police of that city confiscated as much of an edition as they could lay hands upon, because the cartoon on its first page was an insult to the Church."

LEAVE MR. TAFT OUT.

"Fake" Photographs Will Not Contain the President's Picture Hereafter.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Week end tourists who want to go back to the folks with photographs with a real Washington, D. C., label on them showing President Taft in the act of shaking them by the hand or in earnest conversation with them, got an unexpected Christmas present from Mr. Taft, for the President has put the official ban on these "fake" photographs. Several days ago a Pennsylvania avenue photographer, whose window exhibit contains many pictures of Mr. Taft in the act of shaking hands with various citizens whom he probably never met, was informed by United States Attorney Wilson to leave Mr. Taft out of such pictures in the future. The photographer appealed to the White House, but the President upheld Mr. Wilson.

In a recent decision the Supreme Court held that a photograph was a person's own property and it is not likely that the present case will go to the courts. President Roosevelt once appeared in a fake picture apparently talking statecraft with a negro coal driver. He registered an objection immediately and the practice was stopped.

TROLLEY TOPPLED OFF BRIDGE.

Fourteen Passengers Were Aboard, and Several Probably Fatally Hurt.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—A westbound trolley running between Schuylkill Haven and Pottsville toppled over Black bridge, two miles south of Pottsville late tonight. There were 14 passengers in the car, and it is expected half of them will be fatally injured.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—A trolley car carrying 35 passengers, mostly residents of Schuylkill Haven, jumped Black bridge, between this city and Schuylkill Haven, tonight, dropping a distance of 20 feet into the Schuylkill river.

Every available physician in Pottsville and Schuylkill have been rushed to the scene of the accident by special cars and all of the injured were brought to the Pottsville Hospital. The railway officials admit that not one of the passengers escaped injury, but it cannot be learned at this time how many, if any, are fatally injured. The accident is supposed to have been caused by a broken rail.

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Men's Felt Slippers, black $1.50
Men's Kid Opera Slippers, black and tan. $1.50 and $1.75
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$16.50	Men's Suits and Overcoats	12.37
$15.00	Men's Suits and Overcoats	11.25
$12.50	Men's Suits and Overcoats	9.37
$10.00	Men's Suits and Overcoats	7.50
$12.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	9.37
$10.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	7.50
$ 9.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	6.75
$ 8.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	6.37
$ 8.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	6.00
$ 7.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	5.63
$ 7.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	5.25
$ 6.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	4.87
$ 6.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	4.50
$ 5.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	3.75
$ 4.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	3.37
$ 4.00	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	3.00
$ 3.50	Boys' Suits and Overcoats	2.63
$ 6.00	Men's Pants	4.50
$ 5.00	Men's Pants	3.75
$ 4.50	Men's Pants	3.37
$ 4.00	Men's Pants	3.00
$ 3.50	Men's Pants	2.63
$ 3.00	Men's Pants	2.25
$ 2.50	Men's Pants	1.88
$ 2.50	Boys' Knickerbocker Pants	1.88
$ 2.25	Boys' Knickerbocker Pants	1.68
$ 2.00	Boys' Knickerbocker Pants	1.50
$ 1.75	Boys' Knickerbocker Paints	1.21
$ 1.50	Boys' Knickerbocker Pants	1.13
$ 1.25	Boys' Knickerbocker Pants	.93
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PASTORAL OF THE BIG CITY

As Sun Sinks, Policemen Seek Cafe's Back Room and Footpad Prepares for Duty.

The sun was sinuously sinking behind a few thousand buildings, varying in height from the one-story edifice on the western water front to the 20-story warehouse adjacent. It may seem odd to say that the sun was sinking sinuously, but it had to sink in that way to give a proper performance and dye the corners of each and every building with its rosy stain. Up in the edge of the sky you could see dusk, getting ready to do business. The evening chimes rang out from 118 trolley cars in the immediate vicinity, and the softly musical resonance of the far-away elevated filtered through the circumambient air. It had to filter to get through, as a couple of thousand chimneys were on the job.

The lone policeman on the beat folded his tent like an Arab and as silently stole into the nearest cafe. Here were other policemen. One would have said half the metropolitan force was in the back room, but this was not true. Only one-fifth of the force was there. Without the evening shadows began to fall and the trusty footpad adjusted his rubber heels and heaved a sigh, feeling sorrowful, he knew not why, yet prepared to do his duty.

The sun had now entirely disappeared into New Jersey—which is suffering enough for one night.

We decline to prolong this pastoral. —Judge.

Uncle Jenk's Appeal.

Uncle Jenk and Aunt Nervy Spigler, having been unable to get along peaceably together, had separated, on an amicable basis. Uncle Jenk took up his abode in an old men's home; Aunt Nervy kept the cottage and garden, and also retained the slender bank account.

Under this arrangement the two old people were on the friendliest footing and Uncle Jenk made neighborly calls upon his wife at frequent intervals, often doing small bits of work about the premises, for which Aunt Nervy scrupulously paid him.

On one occasion, the plastering having fallen from the ceiling, Uncle Jenk solicited the job of repairing, naming $6 as his price for the work, which Aunt Nervy considered excessive.

"Why," she protested, "I know I could get Andy Gatch to do it cheaper than that."

"Mebby ye might," allowed Uncle Jenk, mildly, "but I ain't nimble, like Andy; It'd take me a good bit longer than what it would him. 'Sides that, even if you could git the work done a little cheaper, I should think you'd favor one that's kin to you, rather than a stranger."

Uncle Jenk's logic won and he received his price.—Youth's Companion.

The Point of the Story.

A mother was greatly worried by her small daughter's habit of running away. Thinking to impress the child with the danger of getting lost, she told her a vivid story of some children who ran away to go nutting. Night found them far from home and lost in the woods. With much art the mother told of a storm in the night and of the terrible distress of the parents and friends who hunted for the children until morning. She also told about the good breakfast prepared for the children, which they missed because they did not reach home till 10 o'clock.

The little girl listened intently to every word, and the mother hoped that the story was making an impression. When she finished the child was silent for a few moments, as if expecting something more. Then she asked, eagerly: "Did they get any nuts?"—Metropolitan Magazine.

The Norway Maple.

In many parts of the east the Norway or sycamore maple is a favorite for street planting, though it is somewhat intolerant of dust and smoke and is therefore better suited to rural districts and villages than congested city centers. As it is a spreading tree, care should be taken to prevent its bending too low. It thrives in southern California as well as any of the maples, but seems to thrive still better farther north. Nature seems to dictate an evergreen country, and it is somewhat puzzling to know why we have sycamores, cottonwoods, etc., almost identical with species found in eastern states. In central and northern California, where oaks are deciduous, the maples thrive and no objection should be made to use on street and highway.

Wealth of Frankfort.

Frankfort probably shares with Amsterdam eminence as being the wealthiest city in the world per capita. There is an immense investment fund in this city garnered through the centuries. Frankfort has long been one of the great money markets of Europe and banking in Germany centered here until recent years, the great Frankfort private banking houses leading and being assisted in their operations by such houses as Mendelssohns and Bleichroeders in Berlin and the Oppenheims in Hanover.

A Woman of Taste.

"Mrs. Flubber is seldom seen with Mr. Flubber here of late."

"Her excuse is a very good one."

"What is it?"

"Mr. Flubber's hair is brick red and it doesn't harmonize with any of her new gowns."

Per aching feet, due to walking, change the shoes at least twice a day. This will give both feet and shoes a refreshing rest.

"PUT HER IN BUCKWHEAT"

Young Preacher Who Was Exhorting Mountain Farmers Received Unexpected Solution of Problem.

A young preacher had been sent out by the state mission board to hold evangelistic meetings in the mountains, and at the first one he held he met Lin Dobbins, a tall, lank, rusty-looking individual who immediately conceived a great liking for the preacher, and decided to let his crops go while he followed him. So everywhere the minister went, Lin went, too; and he always sat on the front seat with one leg crossed over the other, his chin in his hand, his elboy resting on his knee, looking up at the preacher as if he were some kind of deity.

The young preacher knew very little about the methods of the mountain farmers and their haphazard manner of scratching a living out of the rough hillsides; so when he attempted to use illustrations which he fancied would appeal to their understanding, Lin always became uneasy.

"Let me tell you," said the preacher one night, "of a certain man who had a piece of ground. The snows melted and the ground lay moist beneath the rays of the early spring sunshine. The many voices of awakening life called to this man, but he heeded them not. He failed to plow his ground in due season; and even after the gentle rains came and the buds put forth, his land still lay untouched. Seed time passed away, the summer sun poured down upon the ground, and the weeds had grown up in rank profusion. The day of harvest was nigh at hand, but he had sown nothing. At that late day, what was to be done?"

He paused to give his words effect, and at this juncture, Lin, who with dropped jaw and open mouth had taken all this in, suddenly threw up his head, made a speaking trumpet of his hand, and exclaimed in a very audible stage whisper:

"Put her in buckwheat!"—National Monthly.

Didn't Know How.

It is said that once when Reginald de Koven was touring the country he found himself in the town of Dayton on Sunday. They told Mr. De Koven that an Episcopal church in the neighborhood had a superb organ. Accordingly, he went to that church, ascended the organ loft and sat beside the organist during the morning's service.

"You seem to know something about music," said the organist, in a condescending way. "I'll let you dismiss the congregation if you like."

"Why, yes," said Mr. De Koven, "I would like that very much."

Accordingly, at the end of the recessional, he exchanged places with the organist and began to play Mendelssohn's "Spring Song." He played beautifully. The Dayton people, enthralled by the wonderful music, refused to depart. They sat in rapt enjoyment, and after the "Spring Song" was finished Mr. De Koven began something of Chopin. Suddenly a heavy hand was laid on his shoulder and he was pushed off the music stool.

"You can't dismiss a congregation," said the organist, impatiently; "watch and see how soon I'll get them out."

Next!

Mrs. S. T. Rorer, the well-known cooking expert, compared French and American cooking in a lecture to the girl graduates of Chicago.

"American cooking, with its simple dishes and its free use of the grill," she said, "is healthful; but the rich sauces of French cooking and the liberal use of the frying pan make the French flabby and dyspeptic.

"I was once entertained at a Paris restaurant famous for its chef. We had such dishes as salmi of becasse, etuve of beef and aubergine au gratin —and then my host, leaning back with a satisfied smile, handed me the menu and said:

"'And what'll we have next, Mrs. Rorer?'

"'Well,' said I, 'I think we'll have indigestion next.'"

Art "Criticism."

Robert Henri, the well-known New York painter, was condemning a stupid critic.

"His interpretations are always wrong," Mr. Henri said. "He always misunderstands totally an artist's conception. He reminds me of the Cinnaminson woman before Millet's 'Angelus.'

"When the 'Angelus' was on exhibition at Earle's in Philadelphia, a Cinnaminson woman dropped into see it. She gazed with lively interest at the two peasants standing reverently in the sunset glow in the quiet meadow. Then she said:

"'A courtin' couple, hey. Seem a bit shy, don't they?'"

Not Yet Christened.

The Browns had a new piano, and Jessica was telling two little neighbors all about it.

"What is the name of your piano?" asked one listener. "Ours is the Pickering."

"Why—we haven't named ours yet," replied Jessica, rather puzzled. "You see, it only came last night."

Going Back Into the Past.

A tracer is sent out by the Western School Journal to ascertain what has become of the old-fashioned country "lisum" in which one of the important debates every year was, "Resolved, That the signs of the times indicate the downfall of the republic."

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RICHESON REMEMBERED.

He Received Many Christmas Presents From Friends.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—Rev. Clarense V. T. Richeson, the clergyman accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, was not forgotten by friends today. He received a number of Christmas presents. A dinner, however, was of the prison order, it was said, although it had been understood that the clergyman from the parish provided a holiday meal. Callers were informed that he would receive about the same food as the other prisoners. Richeson has so far recovered that his liquid diet has been changed to one of more solid food.

During the forenoon Dr. Lothrop visited the clergyman and upon leaving reported that his patient was making a good recovery and before the end of this week would be practically well. William A. Morse also called on his client, but refused to comment on the case. There have been persistent rumors of a postponement of the trial, but verification has been impossible.

REMEMBER MR. RILEY

Hoosier Poet Gets Many Letters of Greeting and Sympathy

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—Twelve hundred letters of Christmas greeting and sympathy came today to James Whitcomb Riley, the hoosier poet who has been ill for several months. "I can't answer them," said Mr. Riley with a rueful glance at his right arm, of which he has lost the use. "I can't hold a pencil. I wish I could. But I am not so downcast as many of my friends seem to think. How could I be when I have so many well wishers from the Atlantic to the Pacific whom I have never even seen. This is a merry Christmas for me and I hope for all my unknown friends."

Some of the letters are in verse. One admirer advises that the poet learn to write with his left hand. "It is possible I shall try this," said Mr. Riley, "but I fear it will be a tedious task."

BUILD $5,000 CHICKEN COOP.

Perkins Plans Large Quarters to Raise Family Poultry.

New York, Dec. 25.—Probably the most costly chicken house in this country is to be built by George W. Perkins on his estate at Riverdale-on-Hudson. His architect, R. M. Byers, has filed plans for the house. It will be a frame structure, one story high and measuring 138x20 feet. The cost is estimated at $5,000.

Mr. Perkins, who was formerly a partner of J. P. Morgan, has a large estate at Riverdale, which he has surrounded by many fine dwellings built to sell or lease to persons of his selection, so as to prevent undesirable neighbors on land adjoining his preserve.

The chicken house will be built to the east of Perkins' residence and will not be used for raising fancy stock, but to supply the needs of his family.

CONSIDERING CALL

Rev. C. H. Durham May Go To the Statesville Baptist Church

Statesville, N. C., Dec. 25.—Rev. C. H. Durham who was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Statesville, has communicated with the committee and states that he has the call under consideration and hopes to send in his decision by the first of the year. He has been invited to hold services in this church next Sunday.

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Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a m	6:25 p m
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No. 90, ‡ 3:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 13:35 P. M. and Richmond 14:10 P. M.)	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:45 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *11:49 P. M.
No. 64, ‡ 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ‡ 6:50 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:40 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:35 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (‡) Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ‡ 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, ‡10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, * 9:45 A. M.
No. 57, ‡ 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No. 58, ‡ 8:30 A. M.

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Tuesday, December 26th, 1911.

If a woman's faith in her husband is shaky, her mistrust will be confirmed if he runs for an office in the 1912 campaign.

A young man in Chicago committed suicide because a girl's father "forbade him the house." Why didn't the poor fellow convince the girl's father that he wasn't after the house?

Benjamin Franklin said: "We are more heavily taxed by our idleness, pride and folly than we are taxed by government." It has been a long time since he said it but it keeps right on being true.

A New York man wants a divorce from his wife because she persistently refuses to speak to him. Probably she has said everything she can think of and positively refuses to be provoked into saying anything else.

Now that the year is about to close, we wish to predict that, as we read the stars, the year 1912 will be a year of great anxiety for President Taft. It will be a splendid year for him to lose some of his weight on account of worry.

Charles Henry Hart, of Philadelphia, historical skeptic and critic, has just published a book in which he declares that John Paul Jones' body was never found, and that the one sent to this country from France and disposed of with so much ceremony was not that of the American sea fighter. Here starts another great controversy.

The preposterousness of alarm over trust-busting is demonstrated in the way business keeps up in Wall Street. Says the New York World of Friday: "The reckonings of high finance have gone all askew. While more Federal prosecutions of trusts are announced the steel trade journals are issuing warnings against a runaway boom."

Some prominent New York Republicans declare that an uninstructed delegation will be sent from New York State to the National Republican convention to be held in Chicago on the 18th of next June. They say such action does not indicate opposition to Taft's nomination. However, if New York does not send a Taft delegation it will indicate that somebody is preferred.

When we get to thinking about what a fine country eastern North Carolina is, we always mentally pull off our hat to the Cumberland county widow, Mrs. Daisy E. Peck, who farmed 27 acres and produced 22 five hundred-pound bales of cotton, 300 bushels of corn, and about 5,000 pounds of forage. She did that with an old mule about 13 years old and her only help was her four boys, the eldest of whom is 14 years of age. This is a land where industry gets its reward and an industrious woman contributes a large share to its exemplification.

In the Federal courts in New York on Friday, a stock swindle scheme which netted four men $15,000,000 came to an end when the swindlers were sent to the penitentiary to serve one year each. The men were Shelton C. Burr, Eugene H. Burr, Charles H. Tobey and Edwin Wesley Preston. They did their swindling by using the United States mails, and were sent at once to Blackwell's Island where they spent their Christmas. Probably some miscreant who stole enough to get a Christmas dinner will be sent to the penitentiary for about two years. That is about the usual difference between the punishment of petty thieves and millionaire swindlers Why shouldn't swindlers be sent to the penitentiary and their millions redistributed to their victims?

IN RESTRAINT OF COTTON GROWING.

Under the above headline, the Washington Post contains an editorial in which it takes the ground that the "Rock Hill plan", adopted at the Southern Cotton Congress in New Orleans the past week, is in restraint of trade and consequently the parties to it can be prosecuted under the Sherman anti-trust act. Here is what the Post says:

"The charge that the government crop bureau counted upward of 1,000,000 bales of cotton twice in its recent estimate of the yield should be looked into by the authorities, together with the plan adopted by the Southern Cotton Congress to bind the farmers to curtail next year's acreage one-fourth, or between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 bales. The charge of double counting appears in the organ of the Texas branch of the cotton congress, a fact which gives it an official character, and hence not to be passed by unnoticed. Obviously, it is a stupid amplification of the allegation which has been going the rounds of the cotton press in recent years, only to be found gratuitous and untrue when sifted down. However, its constant iteration tends to discredit the reliability of the crop bureau figures. Indeed, the practice would appear to be part of the conspiracy to make out that the cotton crop is less than any of the market experts estimate, and that the price is too low.

"The Southern Cotton Congress, in announcing the adoption of a plan providing for a substantial reduction in the size of the crop next year, takes pains to have it known that the organization 'does not wish to do anything in violation of the anti-trust law.' While this is a commendable state of mind to be in, the pious assurance virtually is a confession of guilt, for it is the most patent conspiracy in restraint of trade that has been entered into. The same plan has been considered at each of the several conferences recently held by public officials and cotton men, only to be discarded as unlawful and impracticable. While the Sherman law has not been tested as to this form of conspiracy, the concensus of legal opinion is that any organized scheme to enter into an agreement to hold back or control the crop comes within the provisions of the Sherman law. The cotton congress took the action it did only after all legitimate plans to restrict cotton planting had been discussed and found wanting. It was thought essential to success that the farmer should sign a pledge to perform his part, and that in case of failure to live up to it he would be held accountable under the by-laws of the congress. Here is where the conspiracy strikes a rock."

The Post probably failed to take legal advice concerning its ruling on the Rock Hill plan. What is so known was a modified construction of the plan of Mr. J. G. Anderson, of Rock Hill, S. C., who submitted a plan to secure a reduction of the cotton acreage in 1912. The plan agreed upon recommends a reduction of the acreage by 25 per cent., based upon an acreage this year, according to the Agricultural Department, of a little more than 35,000,000 acres. If the plan is adopted and all cotton growers should follow it, there would be a reduction of about 8,750,000 acres. Of course, the action of the Cotton Congress is only recommendatory, and there is no certainty that its plan will be carried out. Nevertheless, the plan is to have State, county and township organizations to take hold of the plan and carry it out by getting the farmers to sign pledges reducing their acreage. It is recommended that paid canvassers be employed to make the convass for signatures. It was also recommended by the Southern Cotton Congress that Farmers' rallies be held January 25th, to hear the whole plan, consider its feasibility, and take action towards carrying it out.

It is a great plan, and Attorney General Wickersham would tackle the knottiest legal proposition he ever undertook, to find in the Sherman act any clause that it would violate. In the first place, the Southern Cotton Congress would have to be a defendant and since it is not a corporation, and as an organization would not profit by having its plan followed, it would require all the Philadelphia lawyers to get up evidence that would convict either the Congress or any of its members. Individual prosecutions might be brought, but it would have to be proven that any farmer who reduced his acreage did it upon his advice. In that case, the farmer would be the man who restrained trade by the act of cutting down his acreage, and the other party would be the instigator of the act—a party before the fact.

To convict the farmer, the Attorney General would have to prove that he was in a conspiracy to restrain trade and that cutting down his acreage did restrain trade because it actually cut down production, and forced up the price. In the meantime, the farmer might cut down his acreage by 25 per cent. and then make more cotton by intensive farming methods than he would on his previous acreage. If the reduced acreage and reduced production were to result in 15 cents cotton, it would have to be proven that the higher price were on that account and could not be attributed to cotton bulls, speculation, increased demand and all that. The specific fact would have to be proven in every instance before conviction could be had, and the proceeding would take on such an aspect of absurdity as to bring Blackstone's ghost from the other world.

In order to have some fun, the Attorney General can get up a better case against some who have actually entered into a conspiracy to reduce the price of cotton. The concrete facts in that instance exist. The price was reduced and Southern trade consequently has thereby been immensely restrained. In the one case low prices have actually restrained trade, and in the other the Post conceives that high prices would do it.

In the case of high prices, however, the farmers could have the whole Republican party cited as a witness for the defense, because, by its protective tariff legislation and its arguments, high prices make prosperity. The Congress of the United States, in legislating to make high prices and guarantee a profit to manufacturers by shutting out competition, would furnish a better case for Mr. Wickersham than would the Southern Cotton Congress.

THE DENIAL OF COL. ROOSEVELT.

After laying under the charge for seven years, Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt is trying to clear his skirts of Judge Parker's charge that an immense corruption fund was raised in his behalf, with his knowledge and consent. Of course, everybody who knows anything in the world about the Roosevelt-Parker campaign is fully aware that a huge corruption fund was raised. Everybody knows that is why George B. Cortelyou was appointed to manage the Republican campaign. He was appointed because of his close touch with corporations and because he could fry the fat out of them better than any other man. That is political history, if those who have any memory can recall that memorable campaign. Judge Parker was called a liar by Colonel Roosevelt, when he made the charge that a huge corruption fund had been raised. A subsequent legislative investigation in New York uncovered a great scandal and proved that Judge Parker's charge was true, but the Colonel to this day has never apologized. Nevertheless, it is an apology that is long due, and if he never makes it, it will be due in eternity. It was the eternal truth.

Speaking more specifically, Colonel Roosevelt, after a lapse of seven years, is endeavoring to prove that he never approached Mr. Harriman, the railroad magnate, with a proposition to raise $200,000 from the corporations, which amount Mr. Harriman did raise. Col. Roosevelt knows he raised it, but at this late day he denies it was raised at his instance. The incident again comes to the front now, when a few days ago George R. Sheldon wrote a letter to Col. Roosevelt to declare that it was not Roosevelt, but Cornelius N. Bliss, National Republican treasurer, who asked Mr. Harriman to raise the money to save the Republican nominee for Governor in New York, Mr. Higgins. A few days ago, the Colonel also gave out for publication a letter of his own bearing out the statement of Mr. Sheldon. However, the New York World is from Missouri, and in an editorial that well posted paper says:

"Edward H. Harriman is dead. Cornelius N. Bliss is dead. Sidney Webster is dead. The money that Mr. Harriman raised in the last days of the 1904 campaign after his visit to the White House, by which, as he said, 'at least 50,000 votes were turned in the city of New York alone, making a difference of 100,000 votes in the general result,' has all been spent. Now comes George R. Sheldon, who knew nothing of the transaction, to say that it was Mr. Bliss and not Mr. Roosevelt who urged Mr. Harriman to raise this money. And Theodore Roosevelt, who knows all about the transaction, writes a letter seven years after, the fact to corroborate the Sheldon verson. Edward H. Harriman, who raised the money, told in a letter to Sidney Webster all the circumstances in connection with this corruption fund. Mr. Harriman was writing to a friend. He had no motive for telling anything but the truth. We believe that Mr. Harriman told the truth. We believe it regardless of anything George R. Sheldon can say or anything that Theodore Roosevelt will say. There is not enough political whitewash in New York to cover up this record."

Soon after the campaign, Mr. Harriman wrote Mr. Webster that it was Col. Roosevelt who sent for him and asked him to raise the money. Who tells it straigght, the live Colonel now or the dead Harriman then? The World is justified in believing that Harriman told the truth, for he had no motive before he died in making the statement. There is another thing which we will never forget. Roosevelt sent for Harriman in that campaign and one of the things he said to the railroad magnate was: "We are both practical men." So they were. They were practical enough to get together and agree that Roosevelt must be elected President. How anybody can forget it all and be a Roosevelt man is astonishing to us.

PAUPER-RAISED POTATOES

Because of a potato shortage in this country, a wholesale dealer in New York recently imported 1,500 tons of Irish potatoes from Scotland. The importation was brought about by the high price of the domestic supply, the price having gone so high that dealers could pay the price of potatoes in Scotland, pay the freight across the ocean, pay the tariff duty on potatoes and then be able to sell the potatoes at less than the people who had a corner on the potato market.

The tariff on potatoes did not benefit the potato growers. Their potatoes were bought at whatever price the middlemen offered and it was the men who controlled the potato supply on the market who got the benefit of the tariff. However, they run the price so high in their squeeze as to make it profitable to import potatoes from Scotland.

The tariff tax on imported potatoes is 25 cents per bushel of 60 pounds, so that to get the 1,500 tons of Scotch "murphies" over the tariff wall, the importers had to pay a tariff duty of $12,500 on the shipment since there were 50,000 bushels in the 1,500 tons, and at 25 cents a bushel that is what the government rakes in on the importation. In the meantime, the growers have not been benefitted but the consumers will have to pay for the potatoes and foot the added tariff cost or else do without. No doubt many poor people have to do without.

Everybody must admit that a government tax of 25 cents a bushel on potatoes is pretty steep, and when none are imported the dealers get the 25 cents. When there are importations the government gets the 25 cents, and in either particular, the consumer pays the extra 25 cents, whether it goes to the middleman or the government. This high tax on a food product moves Mr. W. J. Gibson, of New York city, to write to the New York World as follows:

"This shows what a great added burden the tariff is to the American family when the potato crop is short, or when the dealers choose to raise the price; but it is not so bad on potatoes as it is on rice. The duty on rice is two cents per pound, and it very often happens that the duty is greater than the cost of the rice at the place of production. But of course such high protective duties are necessary to produce trusts and millionaires on the one hand and poverty and want on the other, and so long as the people who have to suffer from the protective tariff send men to Congress who are in favor of either a tariff for protection or revenue, so long will they see themselves getting poorer and poorer and the privileged manufacturer getting richer and richer, at their cost."

Evidently Mr. Gibson writes from the standpoint of a consumer, and when a consumer finds out that it is he who pays the tariff he gets his eyes open. Naturally, then, he becomes the opponent of high tariffs. Since no one heretofore thought of importing potatoes from Scotland, the tariff of 25 cents a bushel on potatoes was levied to shut out Canadian potatoes so the Maine growers and other American pototo producers could get the benefit of it. No doubt it made thousands of Republican votes among the potato growers, who overlooked the fact that in supporting a high protective tariff party they had to pay out in tariff for the benefit of others many more times than the benefit, if any, they got on potatoes. The potato producers were baited and did the voting while the middlemen get the benefit and consumers foot the bill.

Why should Col. Roosevelt's friend, Shelton, be clearing the Colonel's skirts in the face of a Presidential campaign? The charges about raising a corruption fund were made seven years ago and people had nearly forgotten them? Somebody must have had a purpose in reviving the ugly history of the Roosevelt campaign.

According to the 1911 record at Ellis Island, N. Y., nearly 300,000 fewer immigrants landed there up to December 22nd that arrived during the corresponding period in 1910. In the meantime every ship sailing for Europe is carrying thousands of immigrants back home. Does this indicate that industrial conditions here are unsatisfactory? Foreign labor would hardly return to Europe if it could get ready and profitable employment here. Labor is badly needed in the South, but very few of the foreigners ever come this way. They seem to remain in the North where the labor supply is congested.

The man who has captured the Democratic leadership in Queen county (Brooklyn), N. Y., is a blacksmith, 48 years of age. Everybody likes him because he plays the game square. He doesn't drink. He doesn't smoke. He doesn't chew. He is strong and well-muscled and never wears an overcoat. All the children are his friends and he knows politics, knows what Democratic priciples are. His rugged honesty and ability to take care of himself has made him a leader. That is one of the beauties of Democracy. Every man stands on his merits and he may be a blacksmith or a millionaire. Everybody agrees that Dujat will be a good leader and will be an improvement over the leaders for revenue only.

CURRENT COMMENT.

There is no doubt of the fact that Mr. Simmons is hunning with the crowd in the Senate that usually gets what it wants.—Durham Herald.

L. H. Revels, who lives on Rural Route 6, from Lumberton, Back Swamp township, killed the other day a pig that lacked just one week of being three years old which weighed 675 pounds, gross, and 552 pounds after it was dressed. Its liver weighed 23 pounds.—Lumberton Robesonian.

Said a business man yesterday: "The country people will not come to town now—the roads are almost impassible." That would not be true if the roads were macadamized or if other modern system of road building had been generally adopted for York county. People can travel in comfort during the worst weather over improved highways.—Rock Hill (S. C.) Herald.

The completion of the Blewett's Falls dam is one of the notable accomplishments of the year. It means that early in 1912 the Pee Dee section of the State is to have its long-looked for electrification—and the electrification of a country as rich in possibilities as that tributary to the Pee Dee, will mean great things, both on the farm and in the factory.—Charlotte Chronicle.

Mrs. Charlie Chatham, of Oakwoods, has a milk cow that is worth while. For the last eight months—The Hustler got it six, but it is eight months—she has kept tab on the cow. In that time she sold 182 pounds of butter at 25 cents a pound and the family used 25 pounds during the time. We doubt if another cow in the country is doing so well as Mrs. Chatham's.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

It is good news that a third edition of "In the Nantahalas" is called for within one year. Mr. Townsend has written a strong and delightful North Carolina story that has charmed all who have read it and is better than any of "the best sellers" of the year. Congratulations to this talented North Carolina woman whose ability was known to friends when she was a gifted teacher in the Raleigh schools a few years ago.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Wilmington has set a good pace for the other cities of the State and other cities of its size in the entire South in the matter of building operations for the last five years. A leading architect of that place figures that during this perior $8,000,000 has been expended in new buildings. While this is a record of which Wilmington has the right to be proud, we are sure that if somebody would take the trouble to estimate the amount expended for similar purposes in Charlotte, the showing of Charlotte would be nothing to rebuke us.—Charlotte Observer.

Thousands of people who live in North Carolina, but who are not fortunate enough to live in Charlotte, would like to hear Henry Watterson speak on the arbitration treaties, and we would suggest that they would highly appreciate it if the railroads would make a special rate from all points in middle and western North Carolina to Charlotte so that the old man eloquent, the greatest living American editor, might speak to them all on a subject of so worldwide interest. We would like every man in North Carolina to hear Mr. Watterson on this occasion.—Charlotte Observer.

Last year it took six and one-half pounds of cotton to buy a bushel of wheat at December prices. This year ten pounds of cotton are required to purchase a bushel of wheat. The Wall Street Journal says that taking these crops as a whole the cotton crop this year could buy out the wheat crop and have $76,000,000 left over. Last year's cotton crop could have bought the whole wheat crop of the country and have $211,000,000 left over. In other words, the margin of advantage to cotton, in spite of a crop which is 25 per cent. larger, is only one-third as great in purchasing power, reckoned in wheat values of 1910.—Petersburg Index-Appeal.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 18.—Conditions of the Tamahuara Indians located in the mountains of this State, west of the city of Chihuahua, are said to be deplorable. These Indians, who were active in the revolutionary cause, planted no crops and it is reported are now on the verge of actual starvation. A delegation of 200 of the tribe is in Chihuahua making the second appeal to the government for immediate aid.

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MANY OFFENDERS FOR COURT

Usual Number of Christmas Celebrators Got in Toils—39 for Supper Last Night—Long Session of Court Today.

The police have gathered in the usual number of Christmas offenders and the result of their efforts should be reflected in the length of the Recorder's court this morning if all the cases on the docket are reached at one session. Up to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the blotter at police headquarters showed that there had been 58 arrests since Saturday at noon for various offenses, drunkenness and drunkenness and disorderly conduct being the most common. This is about the usual number of arrests made at this season of the year and compares most favorably with the number made in some other cities.

Practically this number were arrested in Charleston, S. C., on Christmas Eve night and probably other cities made as many arrests as Charleston did, population considered. However, the past few days have been strenuous ones for the police department here, as the officers have been constantly on the go day and night. Besides the usual Christmas offenses, the police have been at work in an effort to put a stop to the numerous robberies and burglaries that have been committed during the past few weeks. Right well have they succeeded in this apparently, for only one robbery has been reported in some days. The patrol has had to answer calls with such frequentcy during the past few days that the horse which is regularly used for this work had to be relieved yesterday afternoon. The rush has served to emphasize the need of an auto-patrol wagon, such as Greensboro has, and Chief of Police Fowler remarked yesterday afternoon that it would be well if this city had a motor vehicle for answering calls and conveying offenders to the hall.

Councilman B. C. Moore was at headquarters much of the afternoon and answered several calls in his automobile, saving the patrol horse several steps and greatly facilitating the work of the police department.

There were 39 prisoners, white and colored, to receive supper at the City Hall last night. The cells were all pretty well filled, especially the colored cells being crowded. There was no session of the Recorder's court yesterday and as a result the accumulation of three days will give the Recorder several hours of work.

Charged with entering the home of a negro named Gore, who was himself recently in court on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, John Lewis, colored, was arrested Sunday. He was later released by Chief Fowler upon his own recognizance for appearance at trial this morning. Chief Fowler said that Lewis established an alibi and that a track supposed to have been made by the person who entered the Gore negro's home was not made by Lewis, as his shoe did not fit the track. Gore claims that his home was entered early Saturday night while he was downtown and that his pistol, some clothing, a watch and two bureau drawers were stolen. A person resembling Lewis was seen in the neighborhood and this circumstance led to the arrest of Lewis Sunday.

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a message was received at headquarters to the effect that a drunken negro had run amuck in Haines' alley, between Fourth and Fifth and Castle and Queen streets, and had struck a colored woman, Rosa Howard, who lives at No. 414 Haines' alley, a terrific blow over the arm with a shot gun. Councilman B. C. Moore was at headquarters and he went to investigate. He found that the woman was painfully wounded, but no bones were broken. A warrant was issued for the negro, Sam Barber.

Among those awaiting trial on a charge of vagrancy are: Mag. Bentley, white; Mary Mallett, Annie Pollock, Arthur Sharpless, Lou Oliver and John Thorp, colored. The Bentley woman was arrested yesterday afternoon at Seventh and Nixon streets by Patrolman Leon George. John Day, a white youth, was arrested at the same time on a charge of disorderly conduct.

S. W. King, a white man, who conducts a place on Second, between Dawson and Wrights streets, was arrested Sunday night at 10:40 o'clock on a warrant charging him with a nuisance. Complaint has been made by persons who live in the immediate vicinity that much disorder has prevailed at the place recently. King was released upon a cash bond of $62.

There are several negroes awaiting trial this morning on a charge of gambling. Mathew Pearsall, Richard Haywood, Abram Watson and John Herring were arrested on West avenue, between 11th and 12th streets, Sunday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, on a charge of gambling. The arrests were made by Patrolman W. R. Applebury and other officers. Sunday night about 11:30 Henry Bowens, Richard Plummer, William Henry Moseley and Ed Davis, colored, were arrested for gambling. The additional charge of running a gambling house is preferred against Plummer, the arrests having been made at his home, corner Ninth and Harnett streets. Patrolman B. W. Jacobs and others made the arrests.

James McCartney, a white man, is in the city prison awaiting trial on a charge of larceny in two cases. It is alleged that he broke into a tool house at 17th and Market streets and stole tools belonging to two different persons.

Mary Kelly and Sarah Sloan, both colored, were arrested at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Patrolman A. L. Long on a charge of an affray at Second and Harnett streets.

Report was made at police headquarters Sunday afternoon that Geo. Bates, a white man, had been attacked by some negroes in the vicinity of 14th and castle streets and pretty badly used up. Officers were sent to make an investigation, but the negroes had gone. Mr. Bates was not seriously injured, according to the police

Solid gold cuff links, scarf pins and tie clasp. Lockets and neck chains are some of my leaders. J. T. Burke, the Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street de 3-tf.

DR. P. R. LAW'S DEATH.

His Passing Deeply Regretted by Many Friends in This City.

Many friends in this city and section were deeply grieved to read in the telegraphic columns of Sunday's Star of the death of Rev. Dr. P. R. Law, of Charlotte, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, which occurred late Saturday night at McColl, S. C. He was one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in the State and had many warm personal friends in Wilmington and this section. The following relative to his death is from yesterday's Charlotte Observer:

"The intelligence of the death of Dr P. R. Law, editor of The Presbyterian Standard, in McColl, S. C., late Saturday night, as given in yesterday's Observer, came as a distinct shock to his many friends in Charlotte. Dr. Law left the city Tuesday for McColl to officiate at the marriage of his youngest daughter, Miss Lida Law, who was wedded to Mr. Robert Chapman Wednesday. He was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. M. M. Inabinet. Shortly prior to his departure he was seen by a friend on The Observer, and in a long and intimate conversation stated that he was feeling well, as well as could be expected of one who was afflicted with asthma with which he suffered excruciatingly at times. It was known by his firends here that he was subject to paroxysms at intervals, nd it is presumed that he passed away in one of these before assistance could be summoned. Few of his acquaintances in Charlotte, however, were fully aware of the degree of his sufferings for he endured it so bravely and so uncomplainingly. His children ofttimes urged him to give up the active pursuit of the editorship and management of the great paper with which he was connected, but he always refused, declaring that the field of effort as he viewed it was so large and the work yet to be done so great that he could not retire from the battle as long as he was able to toil for the Master. That he labored effectively, in spite of handicaps that would have disheartened a less able man and achieved much is but a faint expression of the result of his efforts. Dr. Law possessed many of the Scotch characteristics, for he was known always for the saneness of his views on all matters of religion, the strength of his convictions and courage in all things pertaining to the essentials of existence, the deep piety and consecration of his life, his profound sympathy and patience and his abiding love for his fellow man. His aim and purpose in life and the one that was ever before him was the glorification of his Master and the hastening insofar as he was able, of the coming of the Kingdom on earth. Indeed, he was not disobedient unto the Heavenly vision. Dr. Law's life was one of service and usefulness of the highest type.

"The funeral took place in McColl yesterday afternoon. No one attended from Charlotte, by reason of the inability of those who might have desired to go making the necessary railway connections."

BLANK BONDS ARRIVE.

Will be Signed and Turned Over to the Banks Today.

Delayed in transit for two days the blank bonds for the $400,000 issue which is to be sold to the Southern National Bank and the Atlantic Trust & Banking Company, arrived yesterday morning, being consigned to Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer, who was busy yesterday afternoon affixing his signature to the bonds, 400 in number. Mayor Joseph D. Smith will affix his signature today and the bonds will then be turned over to the local banks, which will likely send them immediately to New York City. The city will be in possession of the money from the bonds by January 1st.

Attached to the bonds are the coupons. The bonds are well and attractively gotten up, being in most compact form. There is a place on the back of the bond for certification of the Columbia Trust Co., of New York, which certifies to the genuineness of the bonds, which includes signatures, seal, etc. Of the $400,000 worth, $300,000 are for street improvements and $100,000 for water and sewerage.

FUNERAL OF MR. BRANCH.

Sad Services Held Sunday From Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

The funeral of Mr. C. M. Branch, whose death occurred Saturday night at the home of his mother, Mrs. Dora Branch, No. 16 Queen street, after a lingering illness, was held at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon from Immanuel Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. J. S. Crowley, the pastor. The church was crowded with sorrowing relatives and sympathizing friends. Members of Jeff Davis and George Washington Councils, Jr., O. U. A. M., attended the services in a body, the deceased being a member and Past Councilor of the first named council. Following the services the body was borne to Bellevue cemetery, where the interment took place. The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Messrs. John M. Enos and H. F. Farrow; active, Messrs. Chas. E. Smith, John McAllister, W. J. Bradshaw, S. A. Mathews, W. P. Burriss and W. A. Montgomery.

PRESSLEY-HOPEWELL NUPTIALS.

Miss Helen Hopewell Becomes Bride of Mr. Edward Pressley.

In the presence of a large number of friends, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. P. Hopewell, No. 606 Church street, at 8:30 o'clock last night, Miss Helen Hopewell and Mr. Edward Pressley were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. H. C. Bowen, pastor of Dock Street Christian Church. The home was most attractively decorated for the happy event. The popularity of the couple was attested by the many beautiful wedding presents which were received. Mr. and Mrs. Pressley will leave this morning for Charlotte, where they will visit relatives of the groom, and other points in the Piedmont section of the State. They will return in about a week and make this city their home.

Ends Winter's Troubles.

To many, Winter is a season of trouble. The frost-bitten toes and fingers, chapped hands and lips, chilblains, cold-stores, red and rough skins, prove this. But such troubles fly before Bucklen's Arnica Salve. A trial convinces. Greatest healer of burns, boils, piles, cuts, sores, bruises, eczema and sprains. Only 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

CHRISTMAS SEASON OBSERVED

Nothing Doing in Business Way Yesterday and People Generally Set About to Enjoy Themselves and Make Others Happy

Christmas Day was probably more generally observed in Wilmington yesterday than for many years. There has been practically nothing doing in a business way since Saturday midnight and the people generally have devoted the time in the interim to enjoying themselves and in making others happy. Many have succeeded in both undertakings to a marked degree and the Christmas which is now numbered among the things of the past was probably the most joyous Wilmington people have experienced.

Fortunately there were no serious accidents to mar the pleasure of any so far as is known and there was very little disorder for this season of the year. A few persons were reported as having been burned with firecrackers or other fireworks, but none seriously, which probably establishes a record in this respect. Explosives and other fireworks were liberally used in the city, beginning with Saturday evening and continuing with slight interruption on Sunday, until late last night. Early yesterday morning Christmas Day was ushered in with the explosion of a large number of giant firecrackers, which jarred the buildings for some distance around. From that hour until late last night explosives and the jingle of cow bells, etc., were heard at frequent intervals, and sky rockets and other fireworks were used early yesterday morning and last night.

Services were held in some of the churches yesterday and on Sunday Christmas sermons were preached by nearly all of the ministers. The services both Sunday and yesterday were largely attended. The Sunday School entertainment of some of the churches will be held some time during the week.

Aside from the religious services in some of the churches the day was not marked by any special feature in Wilmington. There were the usual large number of good Christmas dinners, to which relatives and friends were invited to partake of and which were greatly enjoyed by all assembled around the festive board.

The poor of the city were not neglected, but their welfare was most carefully looked after by the Salvation Army, local Lodge of Elks and different church and charitable organizations and probably no poor family in the city was without a fine Christmas dinner. The Salvation Army distributed more than 100 baskets yesterday morning to as many poor families. Sunday morning the local lodge of Elks distributed 127 baskets and will send out five or six more today to additional names furnished the committee yesterday. Besides the different church organizations looked after the members of their congregations who were not in position to provide their customary Christmas dinner. The poor of this city are never neglected and especially at this season of the year are their welfare carefully looked after by the different organizations and individuals.

There were many hard-worked persons in the rush just preceding Christmas Day and they were certainly glad to get the "breathing spell" which was theirs yesterday. Possibly the hardest worked people in the city were those connected with the express company and the postoffice and some of these continued their work through a portion of yesterday in order that there might be no congestion and that practically all would have their Christmas gifts from friends or relatives on time. Both the express company and the postoffice had delivered practically all the packages which had arrived up to last night.

Christmas Day having passed business will be resumed this morning and in a few days things will have assumed their normal condition.

Steve John Released

Steve John, the Gypsy leader, who was released in Raleigh Saturday following habeas corpus proceedings before Chief Justice Clark, under $2,000 bond, was immediately re-arrested at the instance of Governor Kitchin and brought back to Wilmington Sunday by Deputy Sheriff Harvey Cox with instructions to turn the Gypsy over to Deputy Sheriff Hawkins, of Pulaski county, Arkansas, who arrived a few days ago to carry the defendant back there to answer a charge of perjury. The Gypsy was delivered to Deputy Hawkins Sunday and he accepted a bond of $1,000. John returned then to the camp in Brunswick county and Deputy Hawkins is said to have returned to Arkansas. This is probably the end of the case for some time.

Newman-Formyduval Nuptials

Mr. Robt. F. Newman, formerly of this city, but now of Waycross, Ga., and Miss Archie Jane Formyduval, of Cronly, N. C., were happily married in this city at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. LaFayette King, No. 809 South Fourth street, by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist church. There were present only a few friends of the couple. They left in the afternoon for Waycross, Ga., where they will live, Mr. Newman being in the employ of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at that point. Many friends in this section extend to them congratulations and best wishes.

Saved His Wife's Life.

"My wife would have been in her grave today," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, it's the most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

WAR ON COLLAR BUTTON

Dr Mary Walker Anxious to See President Taft on the Subject

Washington, Dec. 24.—Dr. Mary Walker, of Oswego, N. Y., is spending the holidays in Washington, having come to the capital to transact some matters pertaining to the welfare of society with her friend, President Taft.

Dr. Walker, stylishly gowned in a Prince Albert coat, with trousers to match, called at the White House yesterday, but Secretary Hilles informed her that the President could not see her before the New Year's Day. Equal to the emergency, Dr. Walker informed the secretary that she would bide her time until January 1st and would then avail herself of the privilege accorded every American citizen of shaking hands with the Chief Magistrate.

Dr. Walker, in addition to her enmity to woman's attire, has taken up a new hobby, which she will call the President's attention to, that of opposition to the neckware in common use by men. She says the pressure of the ordinary collar button upon the neck is conducive to brain disease, and she is firmly convinced that if men will wear more comfortable neckwear insanity will be materially reduced. She states that her conclusions are based upon careful investigations after years of experiments upon this particular phase of man's attire.

When seen tonight Dr. Walker said: "I did not intend to stay in Washington more than a day or so, but inasmuch as I cannot see Mr. Taft until the New Year's reception I have determined to stay and tell him personally of the results of my experiments. I would not be doing my duty to my country if I did not acquaint the Chief Magistrate with my knowledge on this

In defense of her mannish costume Dr. Walker says:

"Thinkers recognize and philosophers consider clothing for use primarily. Dress is a matter of selection from what the market affords. Few persons have any taste or originality, and it requires a high order of moral courage to do differently from the masses."

Dr. Walker thinks that if she can succeed in having President Taft approve her costume, the women of the nation will have less hesitancy in adapting themselves to her ideas as to how they should dress. She is fighting the present feminine attire largely on sanitary grounds. She affirms that the war against the white plague can never assume a successful termination until women adopt the attire of men, and she hopes, by giving the President an ocular demonstration of beauty in trousers, to gain an important convert.

Body Taken to Former Home

The body of Mr. Hunter Watson, whose death occurred rather suddenly Saturday morning following a stroke of apoplexy, was taken Sunday evening to Charlottsville, Va., his former home, where the funeral and interment takes place. Mr. George Walker, a brother-in-law, arrived Sunday morning from Charlottsville and accompanied the body Sunday night. Associates of Mr. Watson in the car accountant's office of the Coast Line, acted as pallbearers to the train. Mr. Watson had many friends in Wilmington, who were deeply grieved to learn of his untimely death.

Laid to Rest Sunday.

Accompanied by members of the grief-stricken family, the body of Mr. John Dawson Latham, whose death occurred Saturday morning, was taken Sunday morning on the early train to Florence, S. C., where the funeral and interment took place soon after the arirval there of the funeral party. Mr. Latham had been ill only about a week, though his health had been failing him for some time. His wife, mother and brother and sister have the sympathy of a great many friends in their bereavement.

Christmas Exercises Tonight

The Dock Street Christian church Sunday school will hold its Christmas exercises this evening at 8 o'clock. There will be a short programme of music and recitations, which will preceed the distribution of presents from the Xmas tree. The public is cordially invited to attend.

NOT AS SHELDON TOLD IT.

Roosevelt's Statement on Harriman Contribution Letters.

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York Evening Post today quotes Theodore Roosevelt on the recent correspondence between him and George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican National Committee, concerning the Harriman-Roosevelt contribution controversy, as follows:

"Mr. Sheldon asked me why the truth had not been stated, and very kindly volunteered to make the statement. I told him I much appreciated his courtesy, and would be glad to have him do so."

KILLS HUSBAND AND SELF

Man Was Preparing to Decorate A Christmas Tree in Home

Sandwich, Ill., Dec. 25.—Before a Christmas tree which he was about to decorate, Fred Feazel, manager of a dry goods store here, was shot and killed today by his wife, who then committed suicide.

She had shown tendencies to mental aberration since the birth of a baby six months ago.

Mrs. Feazel shot her husband twice in the back, telephoned to his brother to come to the house as soon as he could, lay down beside her husband, and then killed herself.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 25.—In the fight here today between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, both American pugilists, McVey won on points.

$250,000 MOLASSES FIRE.

More Than 1,000,000 Gallons Lost in Boston Blaze.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—More than 1,000,000 gallons of molasses were destroyed in a fire yesterday among the wharves and buildings of the Boston Molasses Company. The loss on the stock and property of the company, which is said to have been the biggest plant of its kind in the world, is estimated to amount to between $250,000 and $300,000.

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Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

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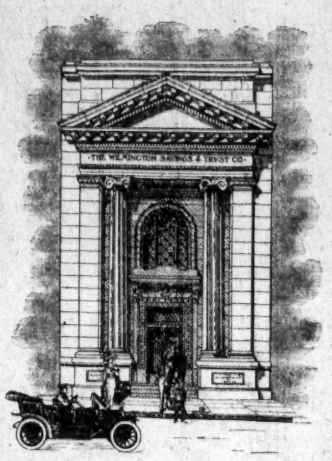

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extend to its customers and friends greetings and best wishes for

A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

ADOPTED BY ARCHITECTS.

State Association Passes Resolutions as to the National Capital.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 25. — The North Carolina Association of Architects, feeling a deep interest in the systematic and harmonious development of Washington City, the Nation's capital, therefore, resolved:

That we urge our Senators and Representatives to advocate that future landscape, buildings and monuments be treated or located in conformity with the Park Commission Plans, and, whereas, the location of the Lincoln memorial (for which $2,000,000.00 has been appropriated), in conformity with this, is an important element in this artistic composition, therefore, we urge our Representatives to advocate the Lincoln memorial on the site proposed in the Park Commission plans, in lieu of the proposed Memorial roadway to Gettysburg, costing at a conservative estimate $34,000,000.00, which would lack individuality and appropriateness as a memorial, we oppose the transfer of the appropriation to that purpose.

At the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Architectural Association, held at the Zinzendorf Hotel, at Winston-Salem, on the 20th and 21st of December, the above resolution was passed.

JOKER SCARES FIFTH AVENUE.

Policemen Draw Revolvers on Big, Growling Toy Bear.

New York, Dec. 25.—Some practical joker gave a crowd of several hundred persons on fashionable Fifth avenue a bad scare and brought policemen with drawn revolvers running to the scene late in the day.

What appeared to be a big bear at large on the sidewalk along the Central Park edge excited belief that a grizzly had escaped from the menagerie. The furry object, of about a man's height, was rocking back and forth and giving vent to low growls.

A policeman leveled his weapon to fire, but had no sooner done so than the growling ceased and the bear toppled over. There was general relief when the "bear" proved to be an ingenious toy which, on winding, would rock back and forth and emit low growls at regular intervals. About the neck of the big toy was a ribbon to which was attached a card inscribed "A Merry Xmas from Uncle Tut Tut."

The "bear" is being held by the police.

SHOWERED WITH GREETINGS.

Founder of Red Cross Society Celebrated Christmas With Visitors.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Miss Clara Barton, founder and first president of the American National Red Cross Society, was showered today with greetings and good wishes upon the 19th anniversary of her birth. Although feeble from her recent illness, Miss Barton was able to celebrate the day with her relatives and friends who are spending Christmas at her home, "Red Cross," in Glen Echo, Maryland, a suburb of Washington.

If Your Head Aches
You should Take the Sure Remedy
Hicks' CAPUDINE

There's a cause for every headache—**Capudine** reaches that cause quickly, whether it be heat, cold, gripp, or stomach troubles—and cures, even though it be sick or nervous headache.

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St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—The Russian government has decided to inflict exemplary punishment on the Persians who attacked the Russian troops. To this end adequate forces will be concentrated at Tabriz.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—Twenty-five convicts will leave the Rusk and Huntsville penitentiaries as free men Christmas morning as the result of Governor Colquitt's exercise of the executive pardoning powers.

TO all our customers, and all the other good people whom we wish were our customers, this is a New Year's greeting.

We hope everybody who has done business with us during 1911 has found it profitable; the goods satisfactory, our service agreeable. We shall try to serve you better in 1912 than in 1911; we shall try to have better merchandise than ever before, and sell it to the better advantage of our customers than ever before.

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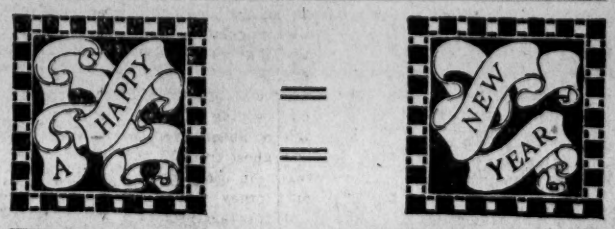

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latta and Master Harry Latta, Jr., have gone to Wilmington to visit for several days."

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Harrill of Bennettsville, S. C., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Harrill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Davis, No. 106 Orange street.

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Judge and Mrs. Platt D. Walker, of Raleigh, are visiting relatives at No. 515 Orange street for a few days. Judge Walker is Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court.

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Sunday's Rocky Mount Telegram: "Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bristow left by the morning train today for Wilmington, to spend the Christmas holidays at the home of relatives.——Mr. W. Van Orsdell was a passenger on the morning train today for Wilmington, to spend Christmas at the home of relatives there."

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Charlotte Observer, Sunday: "Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Little, of Wilmington, were guests yesterday at the Selwyn. ——Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Graham and family, of Greenwood, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Graham, of Wilmington, and Mr. H. L. Graham, of Goldsboro, are the guests of their sister, Mrs. C. E. Motte, on East Fourth street."

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WERE HAPPILY MARRIED SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, No. 811 South Seventh street, at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, their attractive daughter, Miss Virginia M. Thomas, and Mr. James C. Croom, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Croom, were happily united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside Baptist Church. There were present a large number of relatives and friends of the popular couple. Mr. J. C. Moore was best man and Miss Lora Batson was maid of honor. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will live at No. 709 South Seventh street. Both are well known and popular in a wide circle of friends.

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YOUNG COUPLE HAPPILY MARRIED SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. Donald Hill Cole and Miss Lillie Lake Cox, both of this city, were happily united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of Dock Street Christian Church, Rev. H. C. Bowen, the pastor, performing the ceremony. The only attendants at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Miller, brother-in-law and sister, respectively, of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Cole left in the afternoon for Newbern and other points, where they will visit relatives and friends, and after January 1st they will be at home in this city at No. 611 South Second street. The groom is one of the popular traveling salesmen for Messrs. Wm. E. Springer & Co., and the bride, who is a daughter of Mrs. T. B. Cox, of this city, is an attractive and popular young lady.

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CHARMINGLY ENTERTAINED OLD LADIES YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Eugene Philyaw charmingly entertained at her home at Carolina Place yesterday afternoon in honor of the inmates of the Catherine Kennedy Home and the event will be long remembered by the 10 or 15 old ladies present as well as the others whose good fortune it was to be in attendance. Mrs. Philyaw made a most beautiful short talk, prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church; an interesting talk was made by Dr. Geo. C. Worth, and there were some readings by Mr. Andrew J. Howell. The home was most attractively decorated. Upon the improvised and prettily decorated altar there were one lighted candle to represent Christ, 12 to represent the Apostles, and 19 to represent the centuries that have passed since that eventful period. Santa Claus was cleverly impersonated by Mr. R. H. Pickett. Gifts for the inmates of the home were brought in and laid upon the altar by 19 young ladies. Each person present received a package, containing nuts, candies, fruits, etc. The afternoon was most pleasantly spent by all.

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Elizabeth City, N. C., Dec. 25.—Of interest to many people of North Carolina and Virginia and elsewhere is the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Matilda Bradford Haughton, Washington, N. C., and Mr. John Christoph Blucher Ehringhaus, of this city. The marriage will take place on the evening of Thursday, the 4th of January, at half after nine o'clock in Saint Peter's Church. This event will be one of exceptional interest to social circles of this State on account of the wide acquaintance and popularity of the contracting parties. Miss Haughton is one of Washington's fairest daughters and is noted for grace and charming manners. She is a daughter of Mrs. Thomas Benbury Haughton and is connected with some of the most prominent families of that section of the State. Mr. Ehringhaus is a successful young lawyer of this city and is at this time solicitor for the first judicial district. He is a young man of universal popularity and numbers his friends by his acquaintances. He is the only son of Mr. Erskine Ehringhaus, of this city, and is descended from one of the most prominent familily of bankers in this section of North Carolina. There is not a more gifted young lawyer in North Carolina and his friends are predicting a great future for him.

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MISS LUCY M'INTOSH BRIDE OF MR. GEO. S. BOYLAN.

Of interest to many friends in this city and section was the marriage at 6 o'clock last evening of Miss Lucy McIntosh and Mr. Geo. S. Boylan, which was celebrated at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Lizzie McIntosh, No. 9 South Fourth street. The ceremony was impressively performed by Rev. Dr. A. D. McClure, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and there were present only a few relatives and intimate friends of the couple. The wedding marches were charmingly rendered by Miss Cannie Chasten. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Boylan drove to the union station, whence they departed on the 7 o'clock train for a bridal tour to Washington, D. C., and upon their return in about ten days will be at home to their friends at No. 9 South Fourth street.

The bride is one of Wilmington's most accomplished musicians, possessing a voice of rare sweetness and beauty, and is a woman of many attractive personal charms. She is very popular in a wide circle of friends. Mr. Boylan is connected with W. Munroe & Co., furniture dealers, and is a well known young business man of sterling qualities, and has a wide circle of friends, who will extend to him heartiest congratulations.

Among the many beautiful and costly wedding presents received was one from the choir of the First Presbyterian Church, of which the bride is a member, and another from the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, of which the groom is a member. Another handsome present was one from the young ladies' chorus, which has been in training for the past two or three years under the direction of Miss McIntosh. The many beautiful presents received attests the popularity of Mr. and Mrs. Boylan in their wide range of friends in this city and elsewhere.

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FIRST DANCE OF HOLIDAYS WAS GIVEN LAST NIGHT.

The first dance of the several arranged for the holidays was the Sigma Nu fraternity dance given in the Masonic Temple last night from 9 to 1 o'clock. The affair was largely attended and was a highly enjoyable event. Music was furnished by Hollowbush's orchestra and the ball room was attractively decorated. The german was gracefully led by Mr. Thos. F. Wood. Among those present and dancing were:

Mr. Thomas F. Wood (Sigma Nu fraternity), Miss Margaret Smith; Mr. H. R. Latimer (Psi Upsilon), Miss Jeannette O'Neill; Mr. R. C. Cantwell, Jr., (Kappa Sigma), and Mrs. Cantwell; Mr. James B. Atkins, (Sigma Nu), Miss Eleanor Gilchrist; Mr. C. C. Brown (Sigma Nu), Miss Etta Brand; Mr. W. C. Lord (Sigma Nu), Miss Kate Northrop; Mr. John D. Taylor, Jr., (Sigma Nu), Miss Lauriston Hardin; Mr. L. B. Harper (Sigma Nu) Miss Caroline Holmes; Mr. Louis T. Moore (Kappa Alpha), Miss Sue Prince; Mr. E. M. Hardin (Sigma Nu), Miss Juliet Albright; Mr. W. M. Peck, (Sigma Nu), Miss Alice Davis; Mr. Geo. L. Peschau (A. T. O.), Mrs. Peschau; Mr. H. B. Peschau (A. T. O.), Miss Rosa Willingham, Marietta, Ga.; Mr. F. D. Poisson (Sigma Nu), Miss Broadfoot, of Fayetteville; Mr. Henry Clark, Scotland Neck, (Sigma Nu), Miss Lucianna Poisson; Mr. Geo. F. Meares, (D. K. E.), Miss Mary Owen Green; Mr. C. S. Hicks, Dunn, (S. A. E.), Miss Almeria Stevenson; Mr. R. C. James, (Kappa Sigma), Miss Amoret Lord; Mr. L. J. Poisson (Sigma Nu), Miss Charlotte O'Neill; Mr. James H. Durham, Columbia, S. C., (K. B.), Miss Nellie Savage; Mr. Louis Belden (K. S.), Miss Sallie Wright; Mr. Clayton Smith (Sigma Nu), Miss Ernestine Bridgers; Mr. S. T. Pender, Columbia, S. C., (K. A.), Miss Lina DeRosset; Mr. B. G. Empie, (A. T. O.), Mrs. Empie; Mr. W. M. Parsley (Sigma Nu), Miss Marie Grainger; Mr. Rufus Hicks (Sigma Nu), Miss Elise Emerson; Mr. Milton Calder (S. A. E.), Miss Jennie Murchison; Mr. John Murchison (S. A. E.), Miss Florence Kidder; Mr. Raymond Hunt (Chi Psi), Miss Margaret Bridgers; Mr. F. F. Pillett (Sigma Nu), Mrs. Pillett. Stag—Dr. Joseph Akerman (Sigma Nu). Chaperones—Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Empie, Mrs. W. M. Parsley, Mrs. R. W. Hicks and Mrs. E. P. Bailey.

Among the young ladies present and dancing were several charming debutants and following the dance there were several most delightful after-german suppers. The dance, which formally ushered in the Christmas festivities among the society folk, was one of the most charming of the many that have been given in the Masonic Temple.

Profitable Trade.

"I thought you sold your automobile?" "No," replied Farmer Corntossel, "I traded the machine off for that horse over there." "But you seem to have both the auto and the horse." "Yes. I made a contract that he was to give me the haulin' the machine out every time he got stuck or broke down. Finally he owed me so much that he turned the auto back as part payment."

Real Enthusiast.

Towne—"Oh, yes, he's quite an enthusiast. He goes in for things in real earnest." Browne—"Yes, if some one were to send him on a wild goose chase he'd speak of himself afterward as a sportsman."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Spiteful.

"What was your object in mentioning that old enemy of yours as one of the presidential possibilities?" "Oh, merely to call attention to the fact that he hasn't any show."

Stops a Deep-Seated Cough in a Hurry

A Family Supply of Unequaled Cough Remedy for 50c—Money Refunded if It Fails.

Cough medicines, as a rule, contain a large proportion of plain syrup—a good ingredient, but one that anyone can make. A pint of granulated sugar, with ½ pint of warm water, stirred for 2 minutes, gives you as good syrup as money can buy.

A 50-cent bottle of Pinex, mixed in a pint bottle with home-made sugar syrup, gives you a full pint of really better cough syrup than you could buy ready-mixed for $2.50. There's a clear saving of $2.00. Full directions in package.

And money couldn't buy a quicker, better remedy. Takes hold at once, gives almost instant relief, and usually stops the most obstinate, deep-seated cough in 24 hours. It stimulates the appetite, is slightly laxative and has a pleasant taste—children take it willingly. Splendid for hoarseness, asthma, chest pains and other throat troubles, and unequaled for prompt results in whooping cough.

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..Theatrical..

At the Bijou.

The Bijou celebrated Christmas in most glorious manner, and tremendous crowds were on hand to take part in the celebration and to hugely enjoy one of the very best holiday bills ever offered anywhere. In fact, there was probably no place in Wilmington yesterday as popular as the Bijou, and it enjoyed the greatest Christmas in its history, and helped to make hundreds happy. The bill presented was especially selected for the Christmastide, and was one stirring and bright enough to be in true and splendid spirits with the event. However, as gala as was yesterday's bill, the one today will be just as festive. And the one tomorrow and the next day will be of the same calibre, because the Bijou has prepared to make this Christmas season one long to be remembered, and it is going to be thoroughly holiday in atmosphere. There is not going to be the slightest let up in the way of gaiety, and each day will truly seem to be the superior of its predecessor in brilliancy. This not only applies to the films, but to the music.

Today's bill is going to bristle with the very greatest in the dramatic line, and will sparkle and snap with the latest and most expensive mirth films. More than this, the Bijou will make an offering extraordinary in one of the most wonderful films ever constructed and one that throbs in accord with the very second. It will present the Vitagraph's latest sensation, "The Military Air Scout." It shows what the airship is capable of doing in time of warfare, and not only does the very rapid advancement made in aeroplaning carry out the correctness of the ideas advanced, but the work done by the airships of the Italian army in the present conflict with Turkey in Tripoli lends evidence. This film cost probably more to manufacture than any previous one, and it required considerable daring on the part of the artists who enacted the drame in order that the pictures might be taken. The film is decidedly instructive and is also most spectacular, as it shows how an airship can blow up giant battleships at sea and finally how the battleships get the range of the air-fighter and disable it. Intermixed with these thrilling scenes is a fine story of intense heart interest.

All the other films on today's Bijou bill are in keeping with the high class nature of this one, which will thus provide one of the greatest shows Wilmington has ever had.

At The Grand

Celebrating the first anniversary of its existence, The Grand Theatre yesterday played to a typical Christmas rush crowd all during the afternoon and evening, rounding out a year that has been successful even beyond the hopes of the proprietors. The innovation of a high-class playhouse, presenting the best pictures, songs and a full orchestra, was gladly received by Wilmingtonians, and that the earnest efforts to give its patrons the best at all times has been appreciated has been fully demonstrated. An excellent Christmas menu was served yesterday and again today there will be no diminuition in quantity or quality. The first picture is a new Edison production entitled "The Bosun's Watch," an excellent comedy such as the Edison film organization is famous for. This will be followed by "The Long Arm of The Law," a Kalem picture of an instructive historical nature. These are both American productions, which seem to be especially attractive here. Mr. Morgan, who is extending his engagement at the earnest solicitation of his many friends and admirers, will present a new song fully up to the standard. Especially attractive programmes will be presented for all of the holiday week, which promises to surpass even the opening week last year.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach troubles is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at R. R. Bellamy.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Today being St. Stephen's Day, tomorrow St. John's, the evangelist, Day, and Thursday, Innocents Day, there will be services at St. John's Episcopal Church at 10:30 o'clock on each of these mornings.

—Mr. A. W. Ek, superintendent of the Life and Health Insurance Company, of Asheville, N. C., presented to each of his agents, Messrs. Tate, Sellers, Howie and Street, a fine turkey for Christmas. Miss Hazel Howie, the office clerk, was also remembered.

—The regular meeting of the City Council will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It was stated at the City Hall yesterday that no business of any special importance is scheduled for this afternoon and it is probable that the session will be a short one.

—Report has been made at police headquarters that Lang Sellars, a well known young white man, who lives at No. 526 South Front street, has been missing from his home since last Friday. His wife is uneasy about him and has asked the police to aid in a search for him.

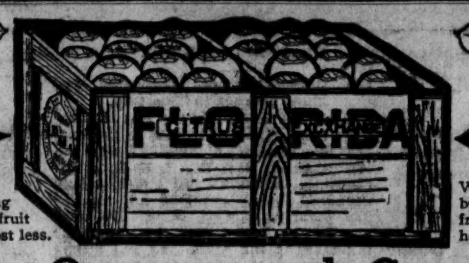
—The Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of Immanuel Presbyterian church will be held Thursday night of this week. There will be stereopticon views of the life of Christ with explanation remarks by Dr. Geo. C. Worth, preceding the distribution of gifts.

PERSONAL. PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. J. Day, of The Laurinburg Exchange, was in the city yesterday.

Comparison.

The woman who can make a tender chicken pie out of a tough old comeback from the dining table is much more of an artist than the one who can paint a dreary landscape or decorate a piece of china.—Exchange.


There is real economy in buying oranges and grapefruit by the box — they cost less.
When you buy by the box, you get fruit that hasn't been handled by bare hands.

Florida Oranges and Grapefruit Are the Best Produced in the World

Florida oranges and grapefruit are the offspring of a marriage of soil and climate and sea-tempered winds. Buoyancy and health abound, flavor pleases, and the juice flows freely wherever a ripened sphere of Florida Citrus Fruit is broken. Other states, where orange and grapefruit culture is a matter of artificial propagation, may produce fairly good fruits. But nowhere else than in Florida is there such perfect blending of their real delights. It takes a year to make an orange or a grapefruit, and it must have twelve full months of orange weather—the kind that prevails in the fruit-belt of Florida. That's why other oranges and grapefruit always lack something—they do not have the rich juiciness, the spicy flavor, the health-giving tonic. Other citrus fruits lack the light and life and love that is builded into Florida oranges and grapefruits.

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The fruit grown in Florida does not have to cross a continent to get to you. It is fresher, of course, than fruit shipped from remote sections. It can remain upon the trees longer—until it is fully matured—and never has to be picked green in order to reach the market before it begins to decay. The Florida Citrus Exchange insists upon the fruit shipped by it reaching the consumer in the shortest possible time. It looks after this fruit from the time the blossoms come until the ripe oranges and grapefruit reach the home of the consumer—nowhere in the process of handling are they touched by unprotected hands.

Every box contains booklet telling how to serve citrus fruits, and merchandise coupon. Booklet without the coupon, to any address, for four cents in stamps—Address FLORIDA CITRUS EXCHANGE, Tampa, Florida.

Insist that your dealer supply you oranges and grapefruit in boxes bearing the red mark of the Florida Citrus Exchange—your protection against unripe, immature and inferior fruit. This is the mark to demand—

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Horses and carriages, trucks, business wagons, bicycles, guns, cameras, fishing tackle, automobiles—

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tion of plans pertaining to the above:

"Therefore, there is hereby organized the National Drainage Congress, according to the following constitution:

Objects.

"The objects of the association shall be (1) to promote and to diffuse knowledge concerning the reclamation of lands in all those States of the Union where drainage reclamation would be beneficial, and also concerning the artificial application of water to lands requiring irrigation in such regions; (2) to promote navigation by means of canals built for drainage and by improvement of the natural streams into which such canals are discharged; (3) to conserve and impound water for drainage, humid-land irrigation or flood protection purposes; (4) to conserve and control natural resources pertaining to agriculture; (5) to restore and preserve soils by rotation, fertilization and overflow of silt; (6) to remove the menace to the public health of the Nation which the presence of undrained lowlands constitutes; (7) to facilitate conferences and deliberations among the people of the country concerning darinage and related interests, especially to promote agreement and concerted action among these organizations interested in the conservation and proper utilization of our natural resources, to the end that our efforts may be towards agreed upon ultimate accomplishments; and (8) to provide means for bringing the needs of the people and the country before State and Federal governments."

The following resolution was adopted December 8th:

"Whereas, there are in the United States more than 80,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow lands that are non-productive, and a menace to public health, and,

"Whereas, the drainage of this land will be promotive of the public health and will reclaim for agricultural pursuits and materially aid navigation and add several billions of dollars to the material wealth of the Nation, and,

"Whereas, the reclamation of these lands is a public function, affecting the health, welfare and material development of the Nation,

"Therefore, be it resolved by the First National Drainage Congress, that the congress of the United States is earnestly requested and urged to enact such laws as may be necessary to reclaim and make useful such swamp and overflowed lands to insure their highest development, under such provisions as deemed best, and we especially recommend the creation of a National commission to make the necessary surveys and estimates of cost and to work out a comprehensive plan of National reclamation in connection with the several States, designed to co-ordinate the mutual interests of the various States in a practical State and Federal system of consistent and progressive drainage, reclamation and development; and that sufficient funds be appropriated by the National government to carry on the work of the commission."

Col. Watson, of South Carolina, offered a resolution, which was adopted, that "the National Drainage Congress calls upon the Legislatures of all those States within the overflowed areas to immediately and forthwith enact and put upon their statute books, State drainage laws in case there are not such laws, and that such laws, when enacted, be as nearly uniform with the laws of other States as possible."

A resolution was also offered by Col. Watson, and adopted, asking each member of the congress to send to Vice President Edmund T. Perkins, First National Bank Building, Chicago, Ill., the names and addresses of those interested in drainage.

While the newly organized drainage congress was adopting a resolution asking the Federal Congress to appoint a commission and provide funds for the work, the 19th Irrigation Congress adopted a similar resolution. Mr. B. A. Fowler, president of that Irrigation Congress, said:

"The drainage work is so vast, so comprehensive, that it deserves the active and earnest support and co-operation of every patriotic citizen of the United States. I cannot make that too strong. I am heartily in sympathy with it and will give my active support, and I believe I express the feeling of the other irrigation men of the West."

Geo. H. Maxwell, of the Pittsburg Flood Commission, who made a strong plea at the Irrigation Congress in behalf of the Newlands river and flood regulation bill, is also a charter member of the Drainage Congress, and says that a strong delegation from the Ohio valley will be present at the second congress in New Orleans in February, 1912.

The election of Col. Gorgas as the third vice president, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, was made because of the great sanitation work he has accomplished in the Canal Zone, and as an appreciation of that work. It was stated by Frank B. Knight, of Illinois, and Col. Watson, of South Carolina, that the work of reclaiming the swamp and overflowed lands will be almost as much a matter of public health as of agricultural gain, and that the advice and counsels of Col. Gorgas would be invaluable. A special invitation was also extended to Col. Gorgas to attend the sessions in New Orleans.

The reclaimable, tillable swamp and overflow acreage in the United States, according to the latest estimate of the Bureau of Statistics of the National government show the National interest in the subject. The acreage in the Southern States is as follows:

Alabama 1,120,000; Arkansas, 5,760,000; Florida, 18,560,000; Georgia 2,400,000; Kentucky 224,000; Louisiana 9,600,000; Maryland 356,000; Mississippi 6,173,000; Missouri 1,920,000; North Carolina 2,400,000; Oklahoma 25,000; South Carolina 1,760,000; Tennessee 800,000; Texas 1,620,000; Virginia 384,000, and West Virginia 75,000.

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PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 20.—Spanish—Firm at 80c. per bushel. Virginias—Firm. Jumbo, 4c. per lb. Fancy hnd-picked, 3½c. to 3¾c. per lb. Extra prime, 3¼c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine-Picked, 3c. to 3¼c. per lb.

XMAS AT PINEHURST.

Some of the Holidays at North Carolina Favorite Resort.

Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 23.—Christmas week finds the cottage colony complete, this year's demand exceeding the supply early in November; the large number of returning friends a significant indication of the permanent place the village holds in the affections of its admirers. Joining the private owners by the purchase of the Dartmouth from Mr. and Mrs. G. N. McMillan, of Gorham, N. H., are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Shannon, of Brockport, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. Tyler L. Redfield, of Greenwich, purchase additional land in the vicinity of the splendid villa which they will occupy shortly, and much work has been done upon the grounds of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Spring and Mrs. Emma J. Sinclair, of Boston, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Blake, of Worcester, Mr. Frederick Bruce and Miss Bruce, of New York, Mrs. W. C. Peet, of Warwick, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hurd, of Pittsburgh.

Others welcomed back are Hon. and Mrs. Robert Hunter, of Noroton Heights, at the Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. John Smithers, of Huntingdon, at the Hawthorne; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnett and the Misses Barnett, of New Haven, at the Walnut; Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln C. Cummings and family of Brookline, at the Concord; Mr. anr Mrs. Richard Sharpe and family, of Wilkes-Barre, at the Beech; Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Cheatham, of Salisbury, at the Yucca; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Waters and child, at the Dogwood; Mr. and Mrs. Chisholm Beach, of New York, at the Mistletoe; Mr. anr Mrs. R. C. King, of New Canaan, at the Waldheim; Mr. Henry C. Fownes and party, of Pittsburgh, at the Lenox and Arbutus.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tufts and family, of Boston, again at the Mystic, Mrs. A. F. Sise, Mrs. F. C. McNeil and Mr. Horace F. Sise, of Medford, at the Craddock; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. D. Sheppard, of Amesbury, at the Honeysuckle, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ormsbee, of Fitchburg, at the Hale. Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Vanderlip and family of New York will occupy the Cypress until February, when Mrs. Jas. W. Tufts, of Medford, returns. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Gurney, of Hackensack, take the Arlington, and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Kennedy and family, of Toronto, the Sycamore.

Holiday merrymaking will make the coming week a notable one. The programme opening with the Sacred Concert on Sunday and the annual Christmas dance on Monday, which will be preceded by numerous dinners at the hotel and cottages. The usual Christmas trees for the native white and colored children, provided by a generous fund which visitors contribute annually, will also add to the sentiment of a week which always has special meaning in this, the land of the holly and the mistletoe. A curious observance in many hamlets round about is welcoming Christmas morn with firecrackers, enthusiasm in many sections giving the day every appearance of a New England 4th of July.

George Wharton, of Cruso, Haywood county, N. C., has for many years been engaged in the growing of fine apples, and his orchard admirably located in the fine apple country of Haywood, is a model of care and culture. This orchard covers about 140 acres, with some 7,000 trees. Some of these trees were planted 20 years ago, others 15 and 10, and about half of the orchard is even younger, but none younger than three years. On the bearing trees this year, which has been one of the few off years for apples in the section, there are over 10,000 bushels to be shipped. This fruit is of excellent quality, smooth, free from worms, and of the finest color. Mr. Wharton has kept his orchard in fine condition with every method known to modern horticulture, and today the place shows the results of this excellent system. He keeps it well plowed and mulched until the latter part of July or August, and then sows to rye, crimson clover or vetch, and in the Spring plows this crop under to add humus to the soil. The orchard is well sprayed, lime sulphur and Bordeaux mixture playing a prominent part in the system of keeping the leaves, limbs and fruit from pest and disease. Considerable stable manure and leaves from the nearby woods are placed on the soil every year and there are few more fertile locations in the section. The orchard is located at an altitude of over 3,000 feet, and the climatic conditions are such as to give the fruit the very finest of appearance and keeping qualities.—Lenoir News.

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THEY FEAR ROOSEVELT.

LaFollette and Taft Men Alarmed at Stampede to "T. R."

(From the Baltimore Sun.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—The Roosevelt cloud, hardly larger than a man's hand two weeks ago, is now assuming the appearance of a real storm cloudy in the political sky. It is gradually taking on an ominous form and LaFollettelites and Taftites are preparing to dive for the cyclone cellar. The Pompadoureans fear that their own little storm cloud will be drawn into the swirl of the more strenuous disturbance, while the standpatters and those who have been nourished at the Federal crib see visions of dire destruction in the wake of the blast.

The LaFollette publicity bureau has sounded the alarm and carbons of typewritten warnings and protests are crowding the already overcrowded Christmas mails. Messrs. Hitchcock and Hilles have been stirred to unusual activity on behalf of their chief, and every effort is being made to lash things securely before the storm breaks. Party workers are coming and going and they are told at the White House that quick action everywhere is absolutely necessary if the attempt to stampede the party for Roosevelt is to be checkmated.

William F. Stone, Governor-elect Goldsborough and National Committeeman William F. Jackson, of Maryland, have been given the same instructions that have been handed out to all the others—"Early conventions, early primaries—if you are forced to have primaries at all—and instructed delegations."

The party leaders in all the States have been told that the steam roller must flatten out all opposition and that in order to do this it is essential that conventions and primaries be set for the last week in February or the early part of March. This means that the real fight will be on earlier than ever before, and the Taft leaders hope that by hurried action the rush to Roosevelt will be forestalled.

The wavering of the LaFollette forces and the evident danger of a disintegration of the movement and a crystallizing of the demand for Roosevelt, the "great white hope," as shown by the mutterings in Nebraska, the Dakotas, the States of the Pacific slope and even in rock-ribbed old New England, has alarmed the administration leaders, and every possible means of tightening up has been tried.

That Mr. Roosevelt has made no serious effort to check the very evident tide toward him has frightened and puzzled the followers of the two announced candidates. When the news came of a demand that Theodore Roosevelt's name was to go on the Nebraska ballot they hoped that such a sensational move would force the ex-President's hand, but the ominous silence at Oyster Bay has been unsatisfactory and disconcerting.

There are some who say that Mr. Roosevelt is still Mr. Taft's ally and that he is only waiting for the psychological moment to put the finishing touches to the LaFollette movement. They say that the demand for Roosevelt is eating like a canker at the vitals of the Wisconsin man's popularity and that when it is too late for the revolution of the Boxer Republicans to escape the steam roller, the Oyster Bay statesman will step aside and leave them to be rolled out so flat that they can only be sized up by the table of square measure.

Others there are who say that the breach between the President and the ex-President is widening with every passing hour and that the feeling between the two whilom friends has reached the stage of bitterness that only comes when chums fall out. This estimated may prove to be an exaggerated statement of conditions, but one thing is certain, and this is that the hatred for the advocates of the Roosevelt candidacy by the men who are in the saddle for Mr. Taft is too deep for anything but profane utterance.

To sum it all up, the Grand Old Party is in a bad way. Within a few days of the meeting of the Republican National Committee the demoralizing effect of internecine warfare is driving the leaders into panic that gives promise of ending in a rout, and they are hoping that some bad move on the part of the Democrats may open up a view of salvation from some hitherto unrevealed source.

VAUDEVILLE WAR.

Orpheum Circuit and United Booking Offices to Lock Horns.

New York, Dec. 24.—Another vaudeville war looms big on the horizon, so big as to completely dwarf all other clashes in recent years. The country has been split into two hostile camps almost over night, where before was peace and harmony. The thing that did the business was the announcement last Wednesday that the Palace Realty and Amusement Company would build at Forty-Seventh street and Seventh avenue one of the biggest and most beautiful vaudeville theatres in New York. Martin Beck is president of the aforesaid company and also carries the Orpheum vaudeville circuit safely tucked away in his vest pocket.

The Orpheum vaudeville circuit and its allies practically own the vaudeville territory in Chicago, and from there to the Pacific Ocean, East of Chicago, as far as the Atlantic ocean, the United Booking Offices of America is supreme in vaudeville. The United Booking Offices is represented by such big men in the same as Messrs. Percy G. Williams, F. F. Proctor, B. F. Keith, William Hammerstein, E. F. Albee, S. Z. Poli, M. Shea, of Buffalo; James Moore, of Rochester, and a few lesser lights.

Between these two big vaudeville parties there has been peace and harmony for more than a dozen years, backed by a copper-riveted agreement, signed, sealed and delivered, that each party would keep out of the territory of the other. And the agreement has been lived up to most scrupulously.

That agreement expires next Tuesday, and it has not been renewed, which means that from now on there is no division of territory and that the Orpheum circuit is at liberty to come into New York, as it was announced it will go into Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore—in fact into all the rich Eastern territory.

On the other hand, the bars are down, and Chicago, Milwaukee, Omaha, St. Paul, Denver, St. Louis, clear out to San Francisco, is now an open field for the United Booking Offices' allies.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
December 26, 1911.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 47 degrees; mean, 48 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; for the month, 3.20 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M. yesterday, 33.5 feet and falling.

Forecast for North Carolina.

Local rains Tuesday; Wednesday, moderate east and southeast winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 26.

Sun rises	7:16 A. M.
Sun sets	5:10 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 54 min.
High water at Southport	12:00 M.
High water at Wilmington	3:30 A. M.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.
December 25, 1911.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest Today	Temperature: Lowest Last Night.	24-Hour Precipitation 8 P. M.
Abilene	raining	34	30	.0
Asheville	cloudy	50	34	.0
Atlanta	raining	58	42	.02
Augusta	cloudy	50	46	.01
Birmingham	raining	62	40	.02
Boston	clear	48	34	.0
Charleston	cloudy	58	54	.0
Charlotte	raining	46	42	.01
Chicago	clear	36	36	.0
Galveston	cloudy	66	54	.26
Jacksonville	raining	66	62	.06
Memphis	raining	48	42	.10
Mobile	raining	62	58	.20
Montgomery	raining	62	46	.06
New Orleans	raining	64	58	.12
New York	pt cldy	46	32	.0
Palestine	cloudy	56	44	.52
Oklahoma	sleeting	32	26	.10
Pittsburg	cloudy	44	34	.0
Raleigh	cloudy	48	42	.0
Savannah	cloudy	58	56	.02
Shreveport	raining	52	44	.76
St. Louis	raining	36	36	.0
Washington	pt cldy	44	30	.0

New York, Dec. 23.—Carl Hoschna, composer of the score "Madame Sherry" and many other well-known music comedies, died at his home here today of heart failure resulting from liver trouble. He was born in 1876 in Austria and came to the United States when 21 years old. He leaves a widow and two small daughters.

Akron, O., Dec. 23.—The Thuma hotel was destroyed by fire here tonigat. No loss of life has yet been reported.

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Pursuant to the provisions of said will, the said lands will be divided into four equal parts and each part will be sold separately.

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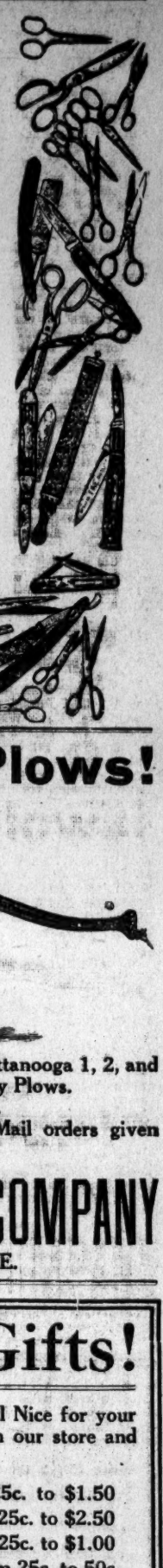

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Washington, Dec. 24.—President Taft and Mrs. Taft were lost for two hours today and there were 120 minutes of uneasiness in the White House as a result.

In the face of a driving rain the President and Mrs. Taft at 4:30 this afternoon left the White House, dodging the guardian, Major Butt, and the Secret Service men, and for two hours tramped together through the streets, dropping in at the homes of friends to wish them the compliments of the season.

Secretary Hilles was the first to discover that his chief was missing. He desired to consult him with reference to some public business and was astonished to learn that the Chief Executive had escaped from under the vigilant watch of his special guard.

A search of the White House and vicinity was without result. At 6:30 the anxious searchers were surprised to see the President and Mrs. Taft trudging up the walk, dripping with rain, but apparently throughly delighted with their afternoon's escapade.

The President in the morning addressed the children of All Saints' Church, taking for his text the precept that 'It is more blessed to give than receive."

"Christmas is an evolution," he said. "Some day you will understand there is something better than to receive gifts, much as you prize them now. After a while, when, I hope, you will be able to make gifts, you will find much more pleasure in giving things to other persons than in getting them yourself."

The President later attended services. The President spent Christmas Eve at the White House tonight not as a President but as the head of a Christian family, looking forth to the happiness of a good old-fashioned family Christmas. Wreaths of holly and mistletoe got more attention from the President than the most important State documents, and the prospective visit of Santa Claus tomorrow is the only big event of the day.

The Taft family circle is together tonight, which to the President is a Christmas gift of itself. Besides the President and Mrs. Taft there is Miss Helen Taft, Robert A. Taft and Charles P. Taft, Jr.

POPULAR MEN DEAD.

Elizabeth City Loses Prominent Citizens on Saturday.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 24.—Special.—Mr. Clay Foreman, head of the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, and one of the most beloved and highly respected citizens of this city, passed away last night in a Norfolk hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. Several weeks ago Mr. Foreman was stricken and was rushed by his physician to Norfolk, where an operation was performed. His condition was found to be critical, but for a week or more favorable reports were current and members of his family and friends were hopeful. The body was brought here this afternoon on the Norfolk Southern express.

Mr. Foreman was about 60 years of age and was a man of robust constitution and energy. For the past thirty years he was engaged in the lumber business in this section, having come here with the Blades from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He married a Miss Blades, sister of Dr. L. S. Blades and Messrs. W. B., J. B. nd C. G. Blades, brothers who have made millions through their lumber operations in eastern Carolina. When the Blades sold out their interests some years ago to the Standard Oil interests the Foreman-Blades Lumber Company, of this city, with Clay Foreman, Dr. Blades and the sons of Mr. Foreman and J. B. Blades, was organized, and the corporation has prospered and grown, until today it is one of the largest lumber manufacturies in the State. Mr. Foreman knew the lumber business from every side, and had visited perhaps every tract of timber land in eastern Carolina, and was known and beloved by every lumberman and woodsman in this section.

Surviving Mr. Foreman are his widow, two daughters and four sons, who are: Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep and Miss Margaret Foreman and Messrs. J. Wesley, L. Roscoe and William and Harold, of this city.

HUNTS DUCK IN AERO.

Aviator Claims He Killed One—Will Try Experiment Again.

(Fronm the N. Y. American.)

Lee Hammond, carryingg William Simpson as passenger, introduced a new phase of aeroplane sport at Mineola yesterday by going hunting for wild fowl at an altitude of 800 feet.

In the absence of Capt. Baldwin, Hammond invited Simpson to take a ride on the Red Devil biplane. Simpson, who is a professional rifleman, took his gun along.

The pair started away when they saw a flock of wild ducks in the distance. Over Hempstead village, at a height of 800 feet, Simpson got the range and fired. He killed one duck, according to his own story. It was picked up by a youngster below, who ran away.

Returning, the aerial hunters ran into a flock of starlings over the Mineola field, several of which Simpson killed.

On a subsequent flight the rifleman fired at tin cans thrown into the air by people below. Several of the cans were perforated.

Hammond and Simpson say that the recoil of the rifle did not affect the equilibrium of the aeroplane. They will try the experiment again.

CHRISTMAS ACCIDENT

Four Boys Badly Injured at Raleigh Yesterday

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 25.—Four boys were badly injured this morning by a tin of gun powder. Eaton Atwater, colored, took it from a store at which he was working and threw a match into it. He and three white boys were badly hurt by the explosion which followed. Atwater is badly injured about the head and body and it is believed he will lose his eyesight. The three white boys are badly peppered by the explosion.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. M. Solky & Co.—Happy New Year.

Business Locals.

Lost—Dog.
Lost—Bunch of Keys.
E. Warren & Son—At Cost.
E. Warren & Son—Fancy Ice Cream.

ROOSEVELT HITS BACK

Angered by Story That He Put Sheldon in Ananias Club

New York, Dec. 25.—The New York Evening Post Saturday said that Col Theodore Roosevelt had put George R. Sheldon in the Ananias Club for saying that it was he, not Mr. Sheldon, who proposed that the letters exonerating Col. Roosevelt from soliciting the $240,000 campaign fund from the late E. H. Harriman be written.

The Colonel came right back at the Evening Post by issuing a statement at Oyster Bay, which said that the newspaper had twisted his remarks to a reporter into an attack on Mr. Sheldon. Mr. Sheldon this evening made a statement at his home, 24 East Thirty-eighth street, which backed up the Colonel.

Here is what came from Oyster Bay:

"The Evening Post story is a characteristic and peculiarly infamous falsehood, as any one looking at my statement and comparing it with Mr. Sheldon's will see. The Evening Post has quoted me correctly, except that it characteristically omitted the beginning of my statement, which was that in the essentials Mr. Sheldon had stated the facts correctly. I said not one word about Mr. Sheldon or what he had said excepting in the essentials Mr. Sheldon has stated the facts correctly.

"He asked me why the truth had not been stated, and very kindly volunteered to make the statement. I told him I much appreciated his courtesy and would be glad to have him do so, and it is simply infamous to twist this into an attack on Mr. Sheldon."

Mr. Sheldon's statement is as follows:

"After seeing the article in the Evening Post, I called Mr. Roosevelt on the telephone. We agree entirely as to what took place. His statement is absolutely correct, and does not differ in any way from what I told the reporters. I offered him the correspondence for the Outlook, but he preferred that I should give it to the press.

"The reporters asked me whether Mr. Roosevelt wished to publish (not write) the correspondence, and I said he did. Quite a different statement of the case than that which the Evening Post would be glad to invent."

On Friday Mr. Sheldon, explaining to a reporter how it came about that the letters were written seven years after the campaign they had to do with, said that it was purely accidental, that he had said to Col. Roosevelt, "Why has the truth never come out?" and that the colonel replied, "Why can't you tell it now?"

Theresult was that Mr. Sheldon's motives of friendship published the letters. It was he, he said, who suggested the publication and did publish them after Colonel Roosevelt had asked him to.

Today the Evening Post quoted Col. Roosevelt merely in this:

"Mr. Sheldon asked me why the truth had not been stated, and very kindly volunteered to make the statement. I told him I much appreciated his courtesy and would be glad to have him do so."

The headline of the story which contained this quotation was, "Colonel Says It's False," and then followed the statement that Mr. Sheldon had been put in the Ananias Club. Mr. Sheldon was angry tonight. Some comments or surmises as to why he had championed Col. Roosevelt had come to his ears, and Mr. Sheldon didn't like them. One of the stories was that maybe he had not published the letters purely because of friendship since he had been frankly opposed to the colonel's leadership in the Stimson campaign.

"I want to say right now that that's all rot," said Mr. Sheldon. "I keep my political and personal friendships separate. I would do anything for Teddy, and I think he would for me. I was against him last year in politics, but I was none the less his friend. The other papers had that story straight, and there was no excuse for trying to twist it."

Mr. Sheldon's attention was directed to a story from Newburgh to the effect that the friends of B. B. Odell, Jr., were saying that Mr. Sheldon's explanation of how the $240,000 fund was raised was ridiculous, in that Mr. Odell, being on intimate terms with E. H. Harriman, wouldn't have had to go to Cornelius N. Bliss to get Mr. Harriman to do something.

"Has Odell said anything?" asked Mr. Sheldon.

"No."

"Well, that's sufficient. He knows that what I have written is the truth."

NEW YORK WANTS CONVENTION.

Raising Subscription of $100,000 to Invite Democrats.

New York, Dec. 25.—Active work was suspended Sunday by the members of the New York National convention committee, which is working to bring the Democrats here next Summer, but the planning went on just the same. One of the developments was that Governor Dix is going to be asked to head the delegation that goes to Washington on January 8th, and the members of the committee were very optimistic today about the chances of the governor's accepting the invitation.

Assurances of support came in from many sources today to the office of James B. Regan, chairman of the finance committee. It was learned that the New York Central was willing to add its support to that of the Pennsylvania Railroad to bring the convention here.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough, was another supporter added to the list. In a conversation with Mr. Regan he expressed his indorsement of the plan, and said that he stood willing to contribute. George C. Boldt, of the Waldorf-Astoria, sent word that he could be relied upon for $2,000. The management of the Hippodrome, the meeting place that will be offered to the delegates, placed in the finance committe's hands today a check for $1,000.

The men who have been assigned the task of seeking subscriptions are going downtown Tuesday morning to see some of the prominent figures in the financial district. The names of George Gould, John Jacob Astor, and George W. Perkins appear upon the list that has been prepared.

The skin of the grape fruit, after removing the bitter white part, can be crystallized and cooked in the same manner as orange and lemon rinds are prepared. It makes a delicious sweetmeat.

GEORGE PEABODY COLLEGE.

Friends of Education Asked to Appropriate $1,000,000 for Institution.

New York, Dec. 25.—An appeal to friends of education in America for $1,000,000 to make the George Peabody College for teachers at Nashville, Tenn., a great final memorial to Mr. Peabody's beneficent service to the South and as the educational crown of the system of schools now established in that section is made in a lengthy statement from the trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund issued tonight.

The trustees give notice of having voted to close the trust in pursuance of the permission given them by the founder after having distributed millions in building up State systems of public schools, aiding the development of rural schools and establishing departments of education in the State universities.

"Since 1875", the statement continues, "the Peabody fund has aided in maintaining the Peabody Normal College at Nashville, Tenn., as the central and leading normal school for the South. In closing the trust the trustees have undertaken to found as a successor to this the George Peabody College for Teachers." The statement goes on to explain that this institution is to be for the higher education of teachers throughout the South.

To this end the trustees have given a sum of $1,000,000 concurrent with gifts by the State of Tennessee, sounty of Davidson, and the city of Nashville, amounting to $550,000, and 16 acres of land with buildings by the University of Nashville. In the final dissolution of the Peabody fund the trustees have offered to endow the college with an additional half a million dollars, provided that within two years from November 1, 1911, the college raises $1,000,000.

"All experts on the subject," the statement continues, "agree that the college is the greatest crying need of the South today. The Southern States with a courage and self sacrifice, rarely, if ever equalled, are devoting every year from 35 to 40 per cent. of the amount raised by taxation to the education of both races, wisely recognizing that this is their best hope for the future. But these sums must go to the public schools and State institutions. Much as this central teachers' college is needed to do a work which no State institution can do, the States are barred by constitutional limitation from contributing to its maintenance."

BRYAN FOR "DRY" PLANK

May Commit Democrats in Platform at Chicago Convention

Washington, Dec. 25.—The Washington Post says:

"Democrats in Washington yesterday quietly discussed a report that William J. Bryan has made up his mind to inject the prohibition question into next year's national Democratic campaign, by trying to secure the insertion of a plank in the platform pledging the party to nation-wide prohibition. The news that he is about to do this is said to have reached three members of the Democratic national committee, who communicated it to leaders in Congress.

"While none of the Democrats who heard the report cared to comment on it, they all were of the opinion that if Mr. Bryan really contemplated such a step it would be a stupendous political blunder on his part. They preferred to believe that the report was a mistake.

"It is expected that Mr. Bryan will be a delegate from Nebraska to the convention, and that he will be a member of the committee on resolutions From that vantage point he would be enabled to inject the prohibition question into the proceedings if he sees fit to do so. In connection with the report it is recalled that Mr. Bryan broke with his party in Nebraska on the question of county option, and bolted the nomination of former Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha, the choice of the Democrats for governor, because his ideas on the question of county option did not prevail. Mayor Dahlman for years was one of Mr. Bryan's most ardent supporters.

Friends of Gov. Harmon, of Ohio, profess to see in the reported determination of Mr. Bryan another effort on the part of the Nebraskan to place obstacles in the way of the Harmon presidential boom. Mr. Dahlman is the leader of the Harmon forces in Nebraska."

HUN DREDS MEET MR. BRYAN.

Democratic Leader Speaks on Peace at Kingston, Jamaica.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 25.—Hundreds of representative men of this city attended a civic reception in honor of William J. Bryan at the Myrtle Bank Hotel, Saturday afternoon. Mr. Bryan made a speech of thanks in which he said that American consular representation in Jamaica would have to be increased considerably after the opening of the Panama Canal.

Referring to his favorite topic of "Peace," Mr. Bryan said he was very anxious that the American Congress should ratify the American arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain in its entirety, or at least without any change of great importance. He believed that this treaty would form the basis of treaties of similar kind between the nations of the world, thus bringing about universal peace.

Mr. Bryan will go to Montego Bay on Monday to lecture, and will sail from there next Friday for the United States. He has accepted an invitation sent by mail to speak at the Jackson day dinner in Washington, D. C., on January 8th.

WATTERSON AT ATLANTA

Talked of Political Situation--Hasn't Chosen His Candidate

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25.—"If Roosevelt is put in the White House in 1912 we will never get him out again except feet first." This was the statement of Colonel Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, in commenting on the Republican situation throughout the country.

Mr. Watterson expressed the belief that the long-talked for change of parties was at hand, but he has not declared his choice for the Democratic nomination.

Colonel Watterson declared that in his opinion the Republicans could not elect either Roosevelt nor Taft and said the election of the former President abrogating the third term tradition would be a step toward absolutism.

REVOLUTION IN PARAQUAY

Provisional President Makes Final Stand Against the Rebels

Paris, Dec. 25.—Paraguayan advices to The Temps say the revolutinaries have been making considerable progress throughout the republic and that as a consequence the provisional president, Liberato Rojas, has called up all the national guard and the reserves between the ages of 17 and 50. The revolutionists have now completely surrounded Asuncion, the capital.

Brazil and Argentina have sent warships to Paraquayan waters, the commanders of which, at the request of the diplomatic corps, have given notification that they will permit the bombardment of Asuncion and other fortified places. The government has sent the bishop of Ascunion to negotiate peace terms with the revolutionary committee, which has organized a provisional government headed by Dr. Emiliano Gonzales Navero.

At Pilar, on the Paraguay river, about 12 miles from Asuncion, the revolutionists have three warships, which were bought from the Belgians. These are believed to be the vessels which it was reported recently were intended for the Portugese royalists.

It is reported that there are dissensions among the rebels, which leads the government to hope that an agreement is possible.

CHRISTMAS ON "THE POINT"

Tug "Red Bird" Gets Complimentary Towage for Christmas Gift

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Point, N. C., Dec. 25.—Christmas passed off very quietly here; a large number of city and native hunters are burning much powder in search of the elusive quail and turkey gobbler. Large wild turkeys were on the market this morning. This morning as Cappen Heide Davis and Master Porter Babson, of the tug "Red Bird" were on their way to Lane's Ferry they discovered what was supposed to be an immense buck. They put on extra steam and came alongside and having no gun threw a marlin spike, monkey wrench and other handy tools to no avail. Finally they made a lasso and caught the deer and thought they would tow him to Lane's Ferry. Not so. The big buck would not be towed but took it into his head to tow the steamer. Gasolene being low, it was agreeable and the deer carried the boat some distance until it struck shallow water and made for land, almost drawing ashore the men and steamer. Your scribe has a saddle of venison to to "test." E. D. P.

MONEY IN BLACK DOG'S HIDE

Fifty Dollars in Bills and Load of Shot Fired Into Animal

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 25.—A large, black hound at Swoyerville was wounded last night by $50 in bills and some small shot being fired into his hide, but, despite the fact that he is worth $50, more or less, than he was yesterday, he cannot be found.

The money belonged to John Vincent, who, afraid to trust it in his pockets or his trunk at his boarding house, hid it in the barrel of an old shotgun. Had it not been for the dog it would have been there yet, but while Vincent was out last night a big, black dog made so much disturbance in the yard that one of the boarders decided to shoot it.

He slipped a shell in Vincent's old shotgun and fired it at the dog. How much of the $50 was discharged into the dog's hide is not known, but the bills were evidently torn to pieces by the shot. Vincent is now looking for the dog, and will endeavor to recover some of the bills.

New York, Dec. 25.—Upon the grave of Clement C. Moore who wrote "'Twas the Night Before Christmas," a holly wreath was placed today by a hundred children from the Sunday school of the Church of Intercession. A brief prayer and the singing of a Christmas carol and a hymn at the grave completed the ceremony.

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NOTICE—If you want to make your wife or husband smile Xmas morning, stop by D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co.'s, No. 130 Market street, and buy a present that will please any wife or husband. D. L. T. Capps Plumbing Co., J. B. Griffith, Mgr. de15-tf

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